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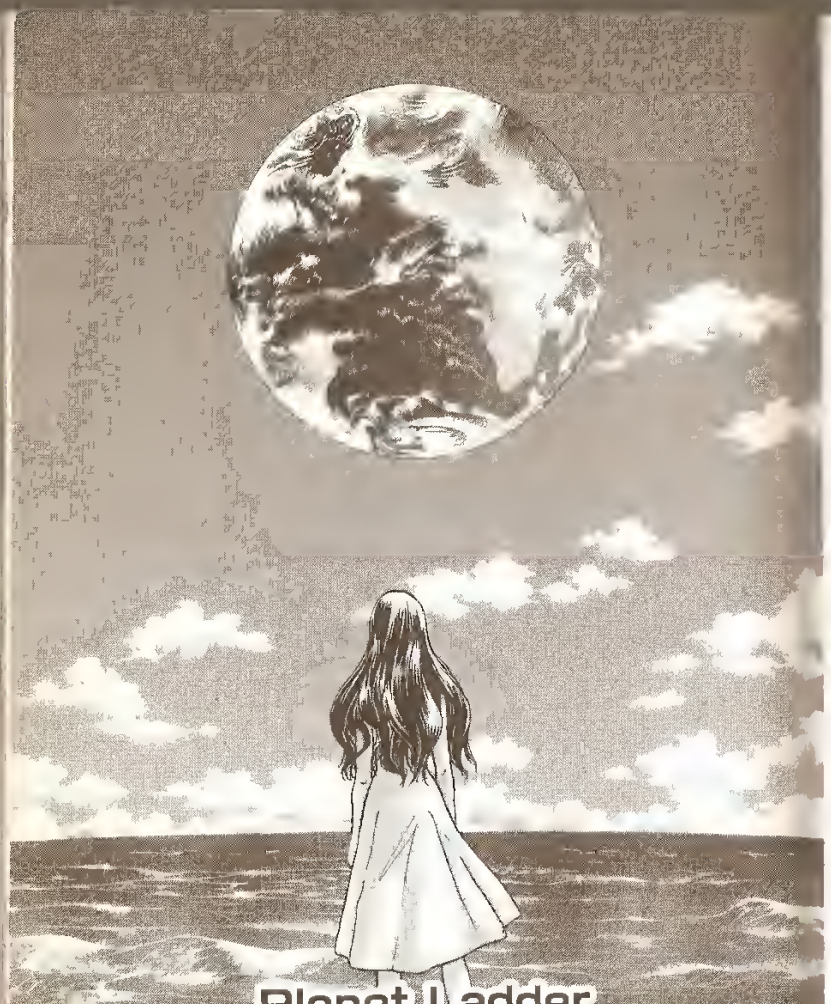

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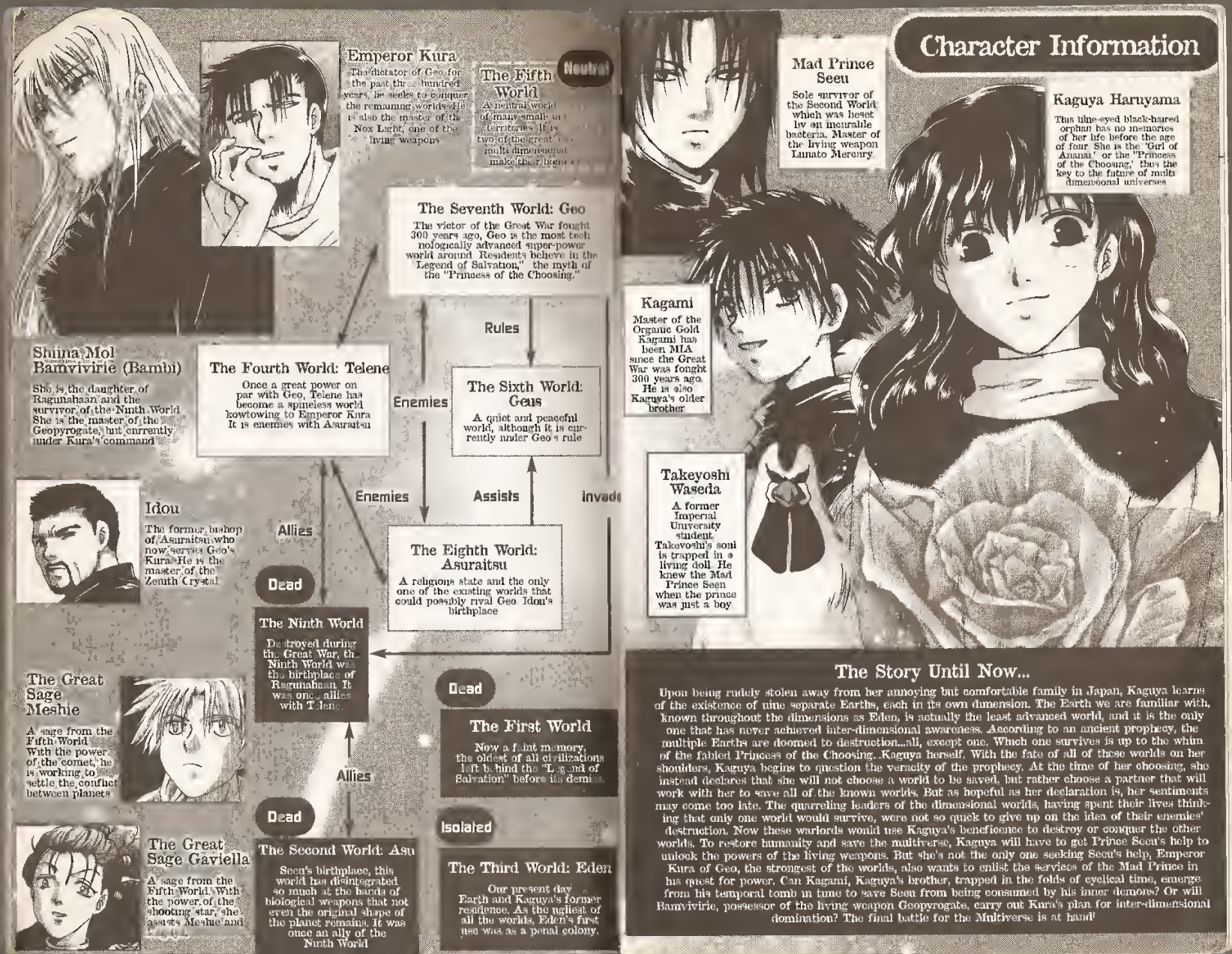
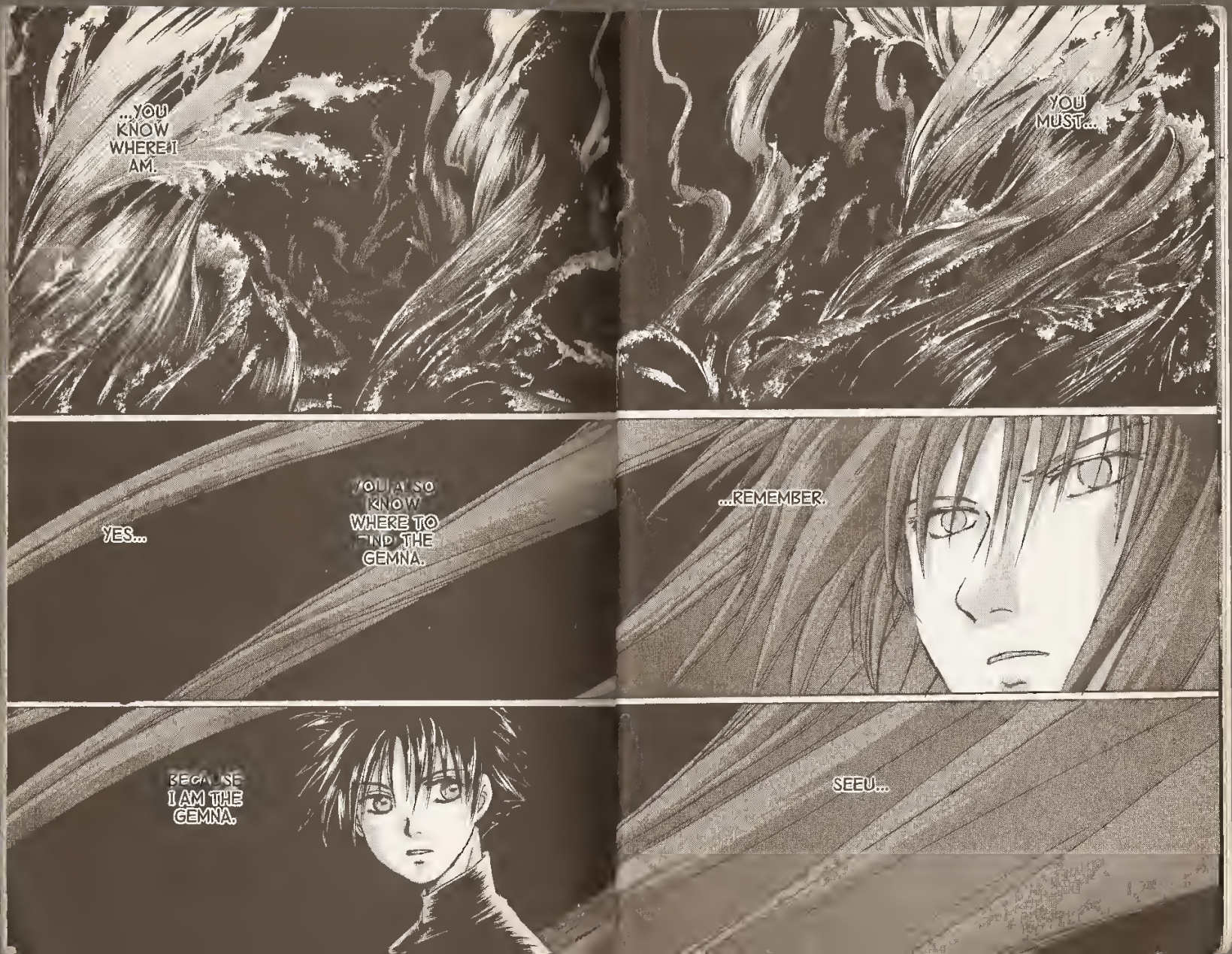
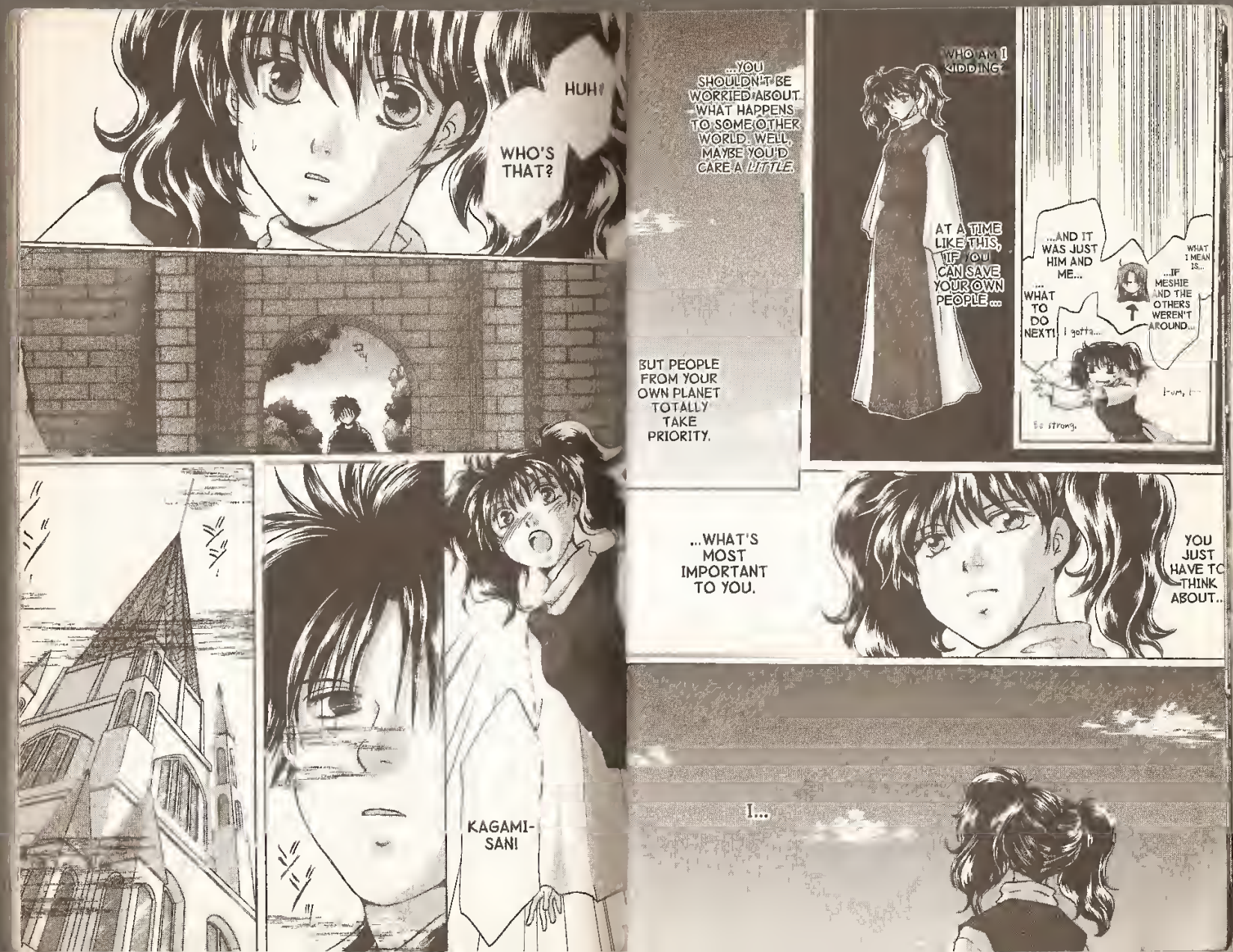

Character Information
Emperor Kura
The dictator of Geo for the past three hundred years, he seeks to conquer the remaining worlds. He is also the master of the Nox Light, one of the living weapons
The Fifth World
Neutral
A neutral world of many small territories. It is two of the great multi-dimensional make the Eldens
The Seventh World: Geo
The victor of the Great War fought 300 years ago, Geo is the most technologically advanced super-power world around. Residents believe in the Legend of Salvation," the myth of the "Princess of the Choosing."
Rules
Shiina Mol Bamvivirie (Bambi)
She is the daughter of Ragunahaan and the survivor of the Ninth World. She is the master of the Geopyrogate, but currently under Kura's command
The Fourth World: Telene
Once a great power on par with Geo, Telene has become a spineless world kowtowing to Emperor Kura. It is enemies with Asuraitsu
Enemies
The Sixth World: Geus
A quiet and peaceful world, although it is currently under Geo's rule
Enemies
Assists
Invade
Idou
The former bishop of Asuraitsu who now serves Geo's Kura. He is the master of the Zenith Crystal
Allies
The Eighth World: Asuraitsu
A religious state and the only one of the existing worlds that could possibly rival Geo. Idou's birthplace
Dead
The Ninth World
Destroyed during the Great War, the Ninth World was the birthplace of Ragunahaan. It was once allies with Telene
Dead
The First World
Now a faint memory, the oldest of all civilizations left behind the "Legend of Salvation" before its demise.
The Great Sage Meshie
A sage from the Fifth World. With the power of the comet, he is working to settle the conflict between planets
Allies
Dead
Isolated
The Great Sage Gaviella
A sage from the Fifth World. With the power of the shooting star, she assists Meshie and Kiku
The Second World: Asu
Seen's birthplace, this world has disintegrated so much at the hands of biological weapons that not even the original shape of the planet remains. It was once an ally of the Ninth World
The Third World: Eden
Our present day Earth and Kaguya's former residence. As the ugliest of all the worlds, Eden's first use was as a penal colony.
Mad Prince Seeu
Sole survivor of the Second World which was beset by an incurable bacteria. Master of the living weapon Lunato Mercury
Kaguya Haruyama
This nine-eyed black-haired orphan has no memories of her life before the age of four. She is the 'Girl of Ananai' or the "Princess of the Choosing," thus the key to the future of multi dimensional universes
Kagami
Master of the Organic Gold. Kagami has been MIA since the Great War was fought 300 years ago. He is also Kaguya's older brother
Takeyoshi Waseda
A former Imperial University student. Takeyoshi's soul is trapped in a living doll. He knew the Mad Prince Seen when the prince was just a boy
The Story Until Now...
Upon being rudely stolen away from her annoying but comfortable family in Japan, Kaguya learns of the existence of nine separate Earths, each in its own dimension. The Earth we are familiar with, known throughout the dimensions as Eden, is actually the least advanced world, and it is the only one that has never achieved inter-dimensional awareness. According to an ancient prophecy, the multiple Earths are doomed to destruction...all, except one. Which one survives is up to the whim of the fabled Princess of the Choosing...Kaguya herself. With the fate of all of these worlds on her shoulders, Kaguya begins to question the veracity of the prophecy. At the time of her choosing, she instead declares that she will not choose a world to be saved, but rather choose a partner that will work with her to save all of the known worlds. But as hopeful as her declaration is, her sentiments may come too late. The quarreling leaders of the dimensional worlds, having spent their lives thinking that only one world would survive, were not so quick to give up on the idea of their enemies' destruction. Now these warlords would use Kaguya's beneficence to destroy or conquer the other worlds. To restore humanity and save the multiverse, Kaguya will have to get Prince Seeu's help to unlock the powers of the living weapons. But she's not the only one seeking Seeu's help. Emperor Kura of Geo, the strongest of the worlds, also wants to enlist the services of the Mad Prince in his quest for power. Can Kagami, Kaguya's brother, trapped in the folds of cyclical time, emerge from his temporal tomb in time to save Seeu from being consumed by his inner demons? Or will Bamvivirie, possessor of the living weapon Geopyrogate, carry out Kura's plan for inter-dimensional domination? The final battle for the Multiverse is at hand!


...YOU KNOW WHERE I AM.
YOU MUST...
YES...
YOU ALSO KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE GEMNA.
...REMEMBER.
BECAUSE I AM THE GEMNA.
SEEU...

IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.
...IT'S ONLY RIGHT FOR THE SAGES TO UNITE AND HELP THEM.
BESIDES...
...IF THE PEOPLE OF GEO ARE TRYING TO AVOID CONFLICT...
ME?
AND PRINCESS?
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
I'M FROM EDEN, AFTER ALL.
I WON'T GO.
...I WON'T TRY TO STOP HIM. I CAN'T.
BUT IF MESHIE GOES...
GUESS HE'S NOT BACK YET.
I already had lunch without him.
SEEU SAN?
...WANTING TO BE ALLIES WITH MESHIE-SAN AND THE OTHERS.
I HAVE TO TELL HIM ABOUT EMPEROR KURA...
AFTER ALL, THE FIFTH WORLD IS YOUR BIRTHPLACE, RIGHT, MESHIE?
I HAVE NO SAY.


HUH?
WHO'S THAT?
KAGAMI-SAN!
...YOU SHOULDN'T BE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO SOME OTHER WORLD. WELL, MAYBE YOU'D CARE A LITTLE.
BUT PEOPLE FROM YOUR OWN PLANET TOTALLY TAKE PRIORITY.
...WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU.
WHO AM I KIDDING.
AT A TIME LIKE THIS, IF YOU CAN SAVE YOUR OWN PEOPLE...
...AND IT WAS JUST HIM AND ME...
WHAT I MEAN IS...
...IF MESHIE AND THE OTHERS WEREN'T AROUND...
...WHAT TO DO NEXT!
I gotta...
Hum, I--
So strong.
YOU JUST HAVE TO THINK ABOUT..
I...

KAGAMI-SAN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
You're able to go where you want?!
SHE'S COMING.
SHE'S COMING ...
...FOR YOU.
HUH, WHAT?
KAGUYA...
WE'LL MEET AGAIN.

AIYEEE!

NOOO!
KA-
KAGAMI!
KAGAMI! IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
DON'T BREAK! DON'T DIE! PLEASE!
WHY...
WHY?!
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?!
.....!!
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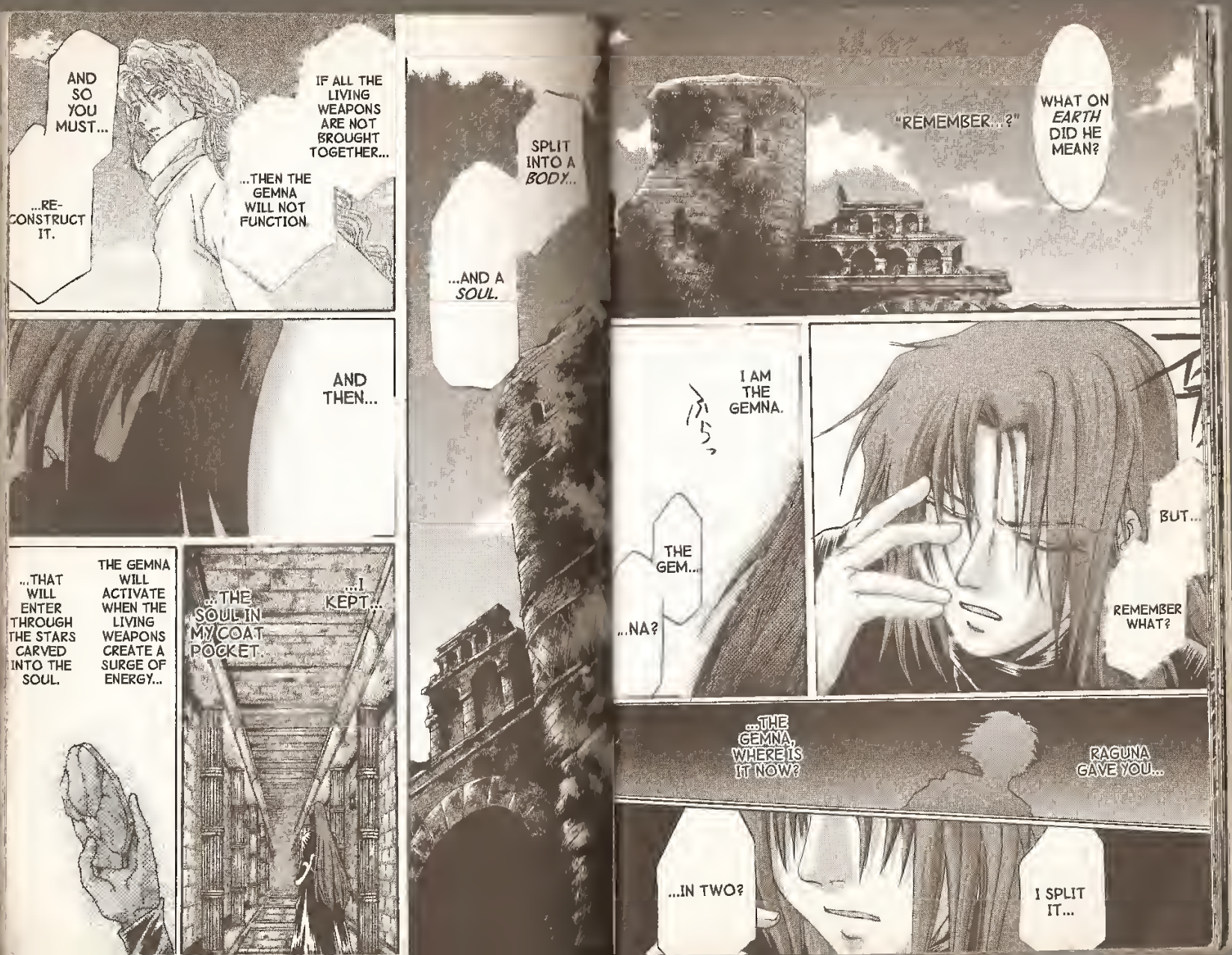
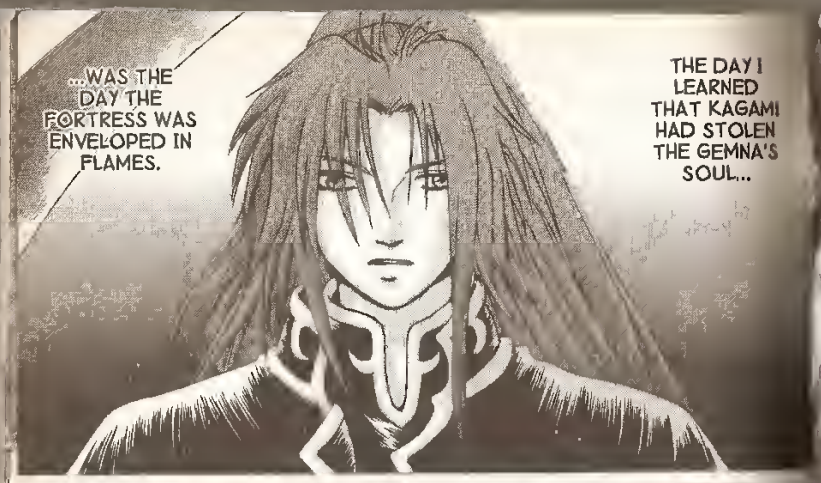
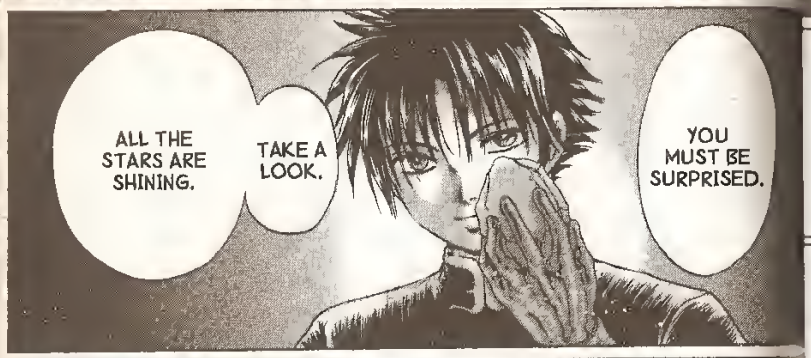
WHAT...
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
HUH?

I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU AWAY...
...PRINCESS.
KAGAMI'S VOICE...
IT'S GONE.
BAMBI...
...


AND SO YOU MUST...
...RE-CONSTRUCT IT.
IF ALL THE LIVING WEAPONS ARE NOT BROUGHT TOGETHER...
...THEN THE GEMNA WILL NOT FUNCTION.
AND THEN...
...THAT WILL ENTER THROUGH THE STARS CARVED INTO THE SOUL.
THE GEMNA WILL ACTIVATE WHEN THE LIVING WEAPONS CREATE A SURGE OF ENERGY...
...THE SOUL IN MY COAT POCKET.
...I KEPT...
SPLIT INTO A *BODY*...
...AND A *SOUL*.
"REMEMBER...?"
WHAT ON *EARTH* DID HE MEAN?
I AM THE GEMNA.
THE GEM...
...NA?
BUT...
REMEMBER WHAT?
...THE GEMNA, WHERE IS IT NOW?
RAGUNA GAVE YOU...
...IN TWO?
I SPLIT IT...


...WAS THE DAY THE FORTRESS WAS ENVELOPED IN FLAMES.
THE DAY I LEARNED THAT KAGAMI HAD STOLEN THE GEMNA'S SOUL...

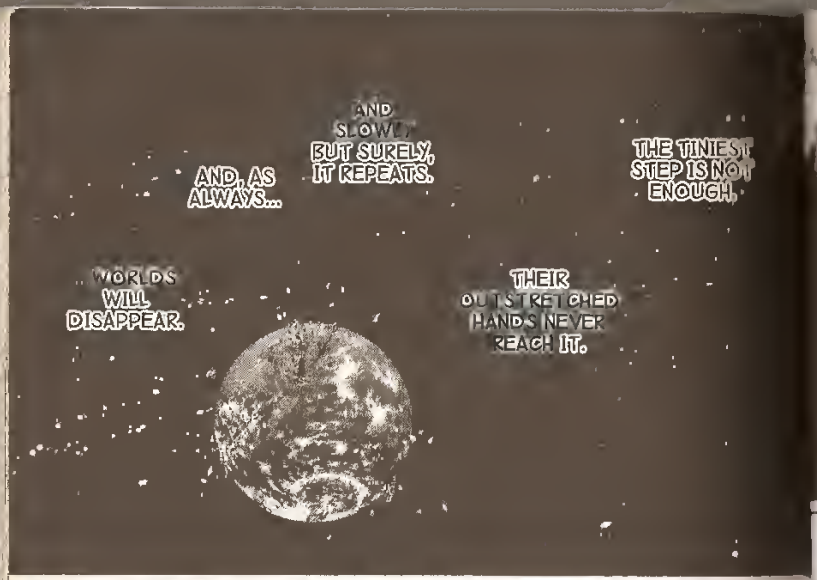

ALL THE STARS ARE SHINING.
TAKE A LOOK.
YOU MUST BE SURPRISED.

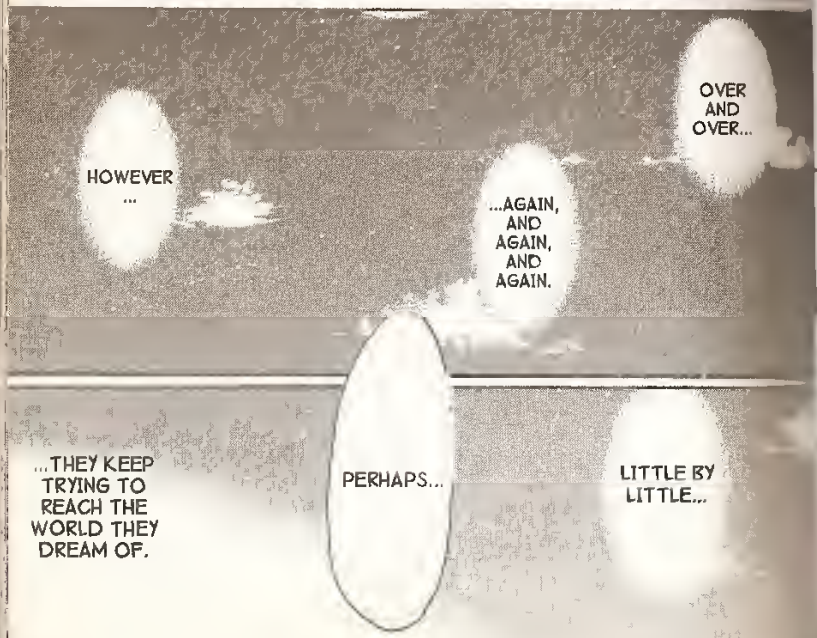
...IF I TRULY HAD RECEIVED THE GEMNA.
KAGAMI ASKED ME ALWAYS...

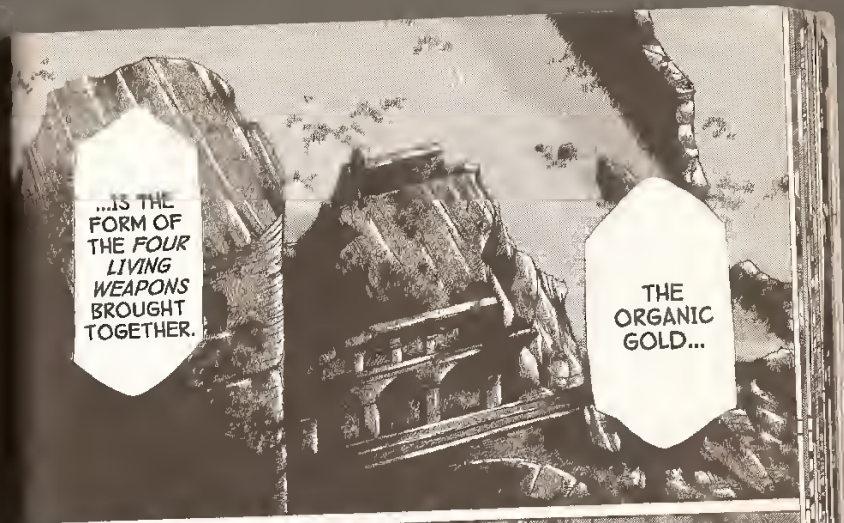
HE THEN TAUGHT ME.

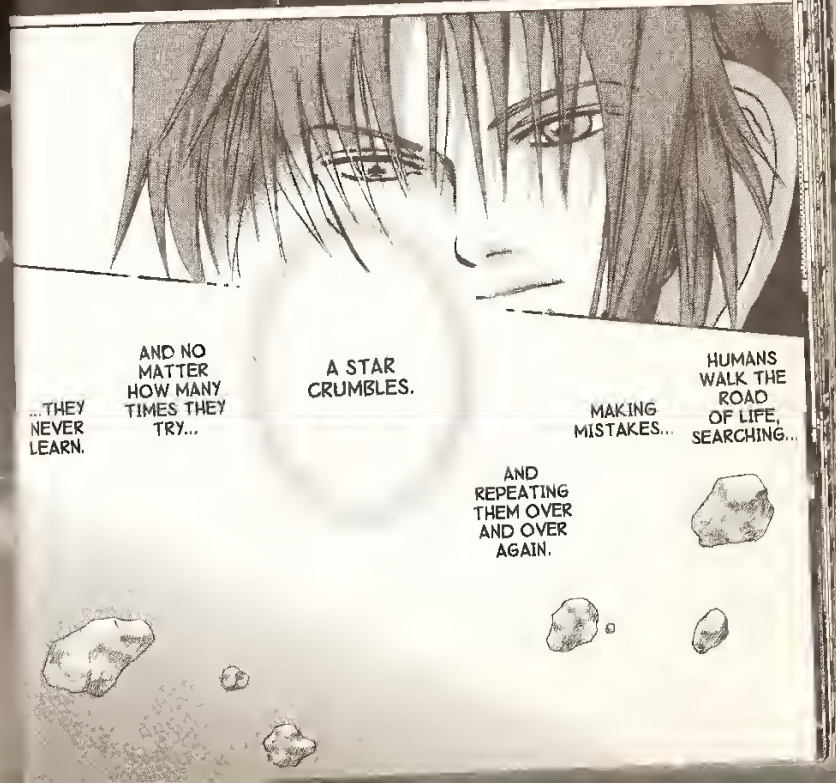
AND BY USING THAT POWER, I WILL BECOME THE SOUL OF THE GEMNA.
IT'S BORROWING THE POWER OF THE ORGANIC GOLD.

AND THE NOX LIGHT.
JUST AS I AM A HUMAN WHO DOES NOT BELONG HERE...
...MESHIE SAID THAT THE GOLD IS A LIVING WEAPON THAT SHOULD NOT EXIST.
THE POWER OF THE MYSTERIOUS GOLD IS MEANT TO PROTECT THE LAST WORLD.
I CAME FROM A WORLD THAT WAS DESTROYED BY STARS.
UNLESS THE WILL OF ALL THE LIVING WEAPONS IS BROUGHT TOGETHER--
BUT WHY?
BUT NOW, WITH THIS, I UNDERSTAND.
THIS IS THE PROOF.
WELL ...
I NEVER KNEW FOR CERTAIN, EITHER.
WITHIN THE WEAPON THAT WAS BORN AFTER THE END OF ALL THINGS THE LAST WEAPON..
THE WILL LIES WITHIN THIS.
THE PYRO.
THE ZENITH CRYSTAL.
THIS IS THE LUNA.


AND, AS ALWAYS...
AND SLOWLY, BUT SURELY, IT REPEATS.
THE TINIEST STEP IS NOT ENOUGH.
...WORLDS WILL DISAPPEAR.
THEIR OUTSTRETCHED HANDS NEVER REACH IT.

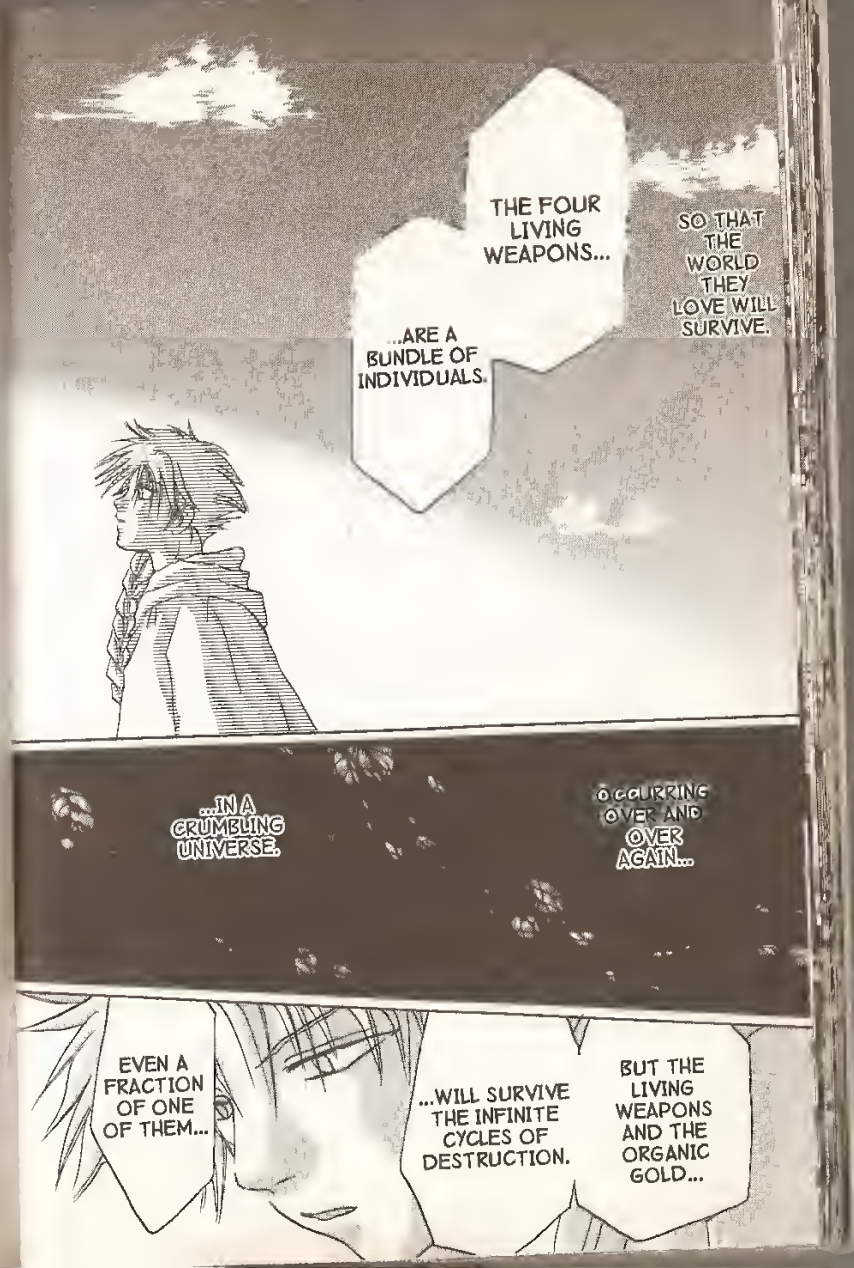

HOWEVER ...
OVER AND OVER...
...AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN.
...THEY KEEP TRYING TO REACH THE WORLD THEY DREAM OF.
PERHAPS...
LITTLE BY LITTLE...

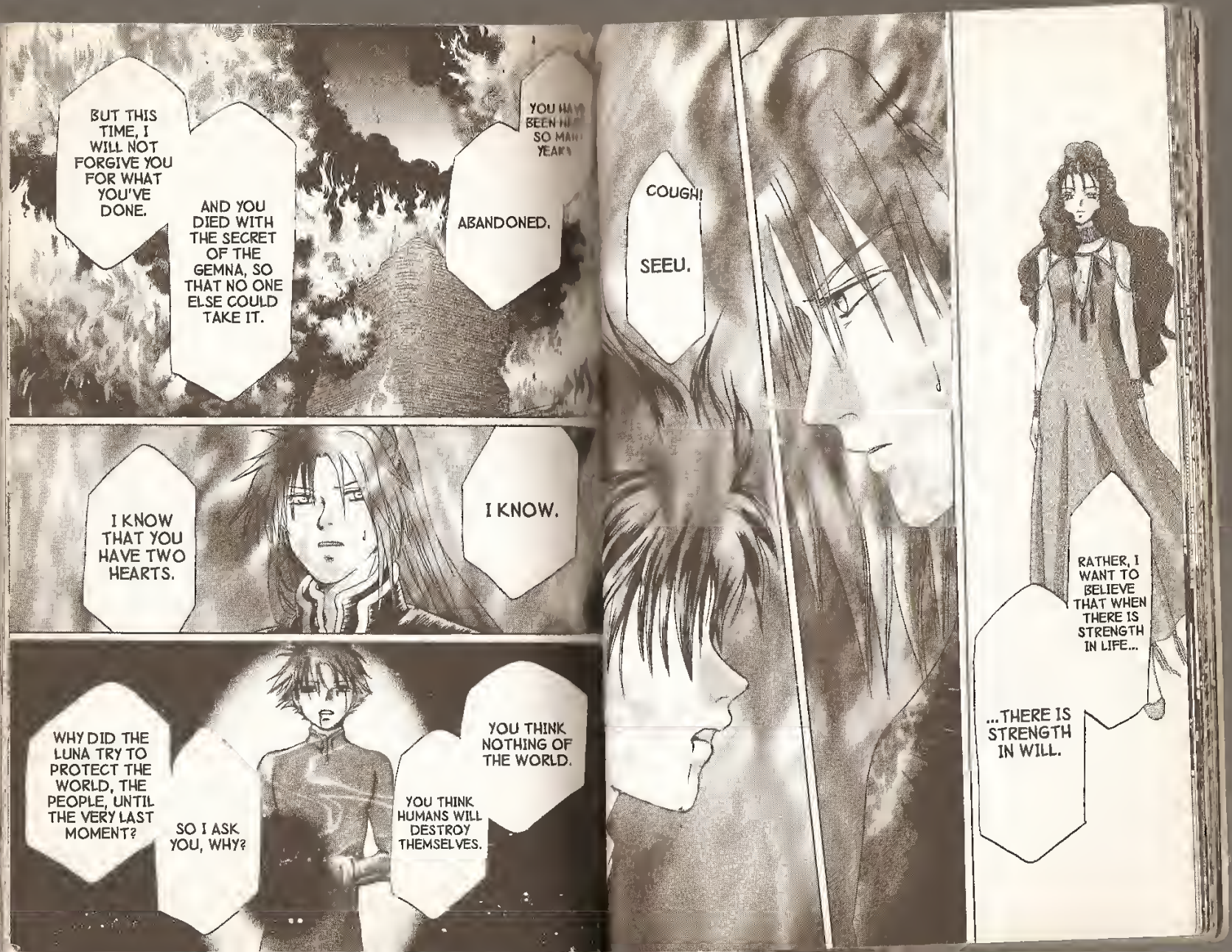

...IS THE FORM OF THE *FOUR LIVING WEAPONS* BROUGHT TOGETHER.
THE ORGANIC GOLD...

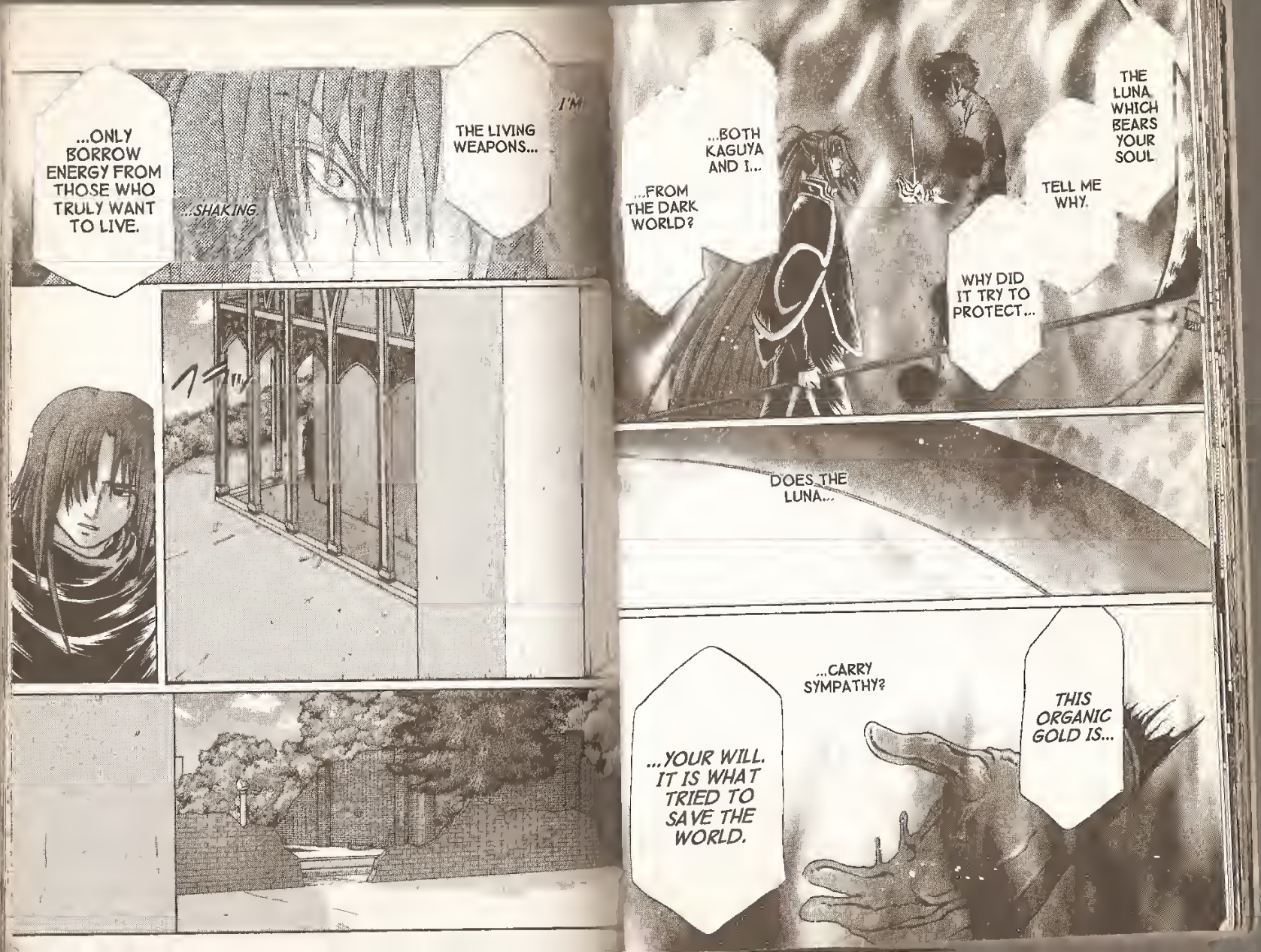

...THEY NEVER LEARN.
AND NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES THEY TRY...
A STAR CRUMBLES.
MAKING MISTAKES...
AND REPEATING THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
HUMANS WALK THE ROAD OF LIFE, SEARCHING...

ARE YOU LAUGHING, GAVI?
BUT I CANNOT POSSIBLY FATHOM...
...HOW ALL PEOPLE AND LIVING CREATURES...
...COULD VANISH IN A SINGLE INSTANT.

...CAN TRANSCEND BOTH SPACE AND TIME.
AS DO I.
PERHAPS IT'S PILING UP ON ITSELF.

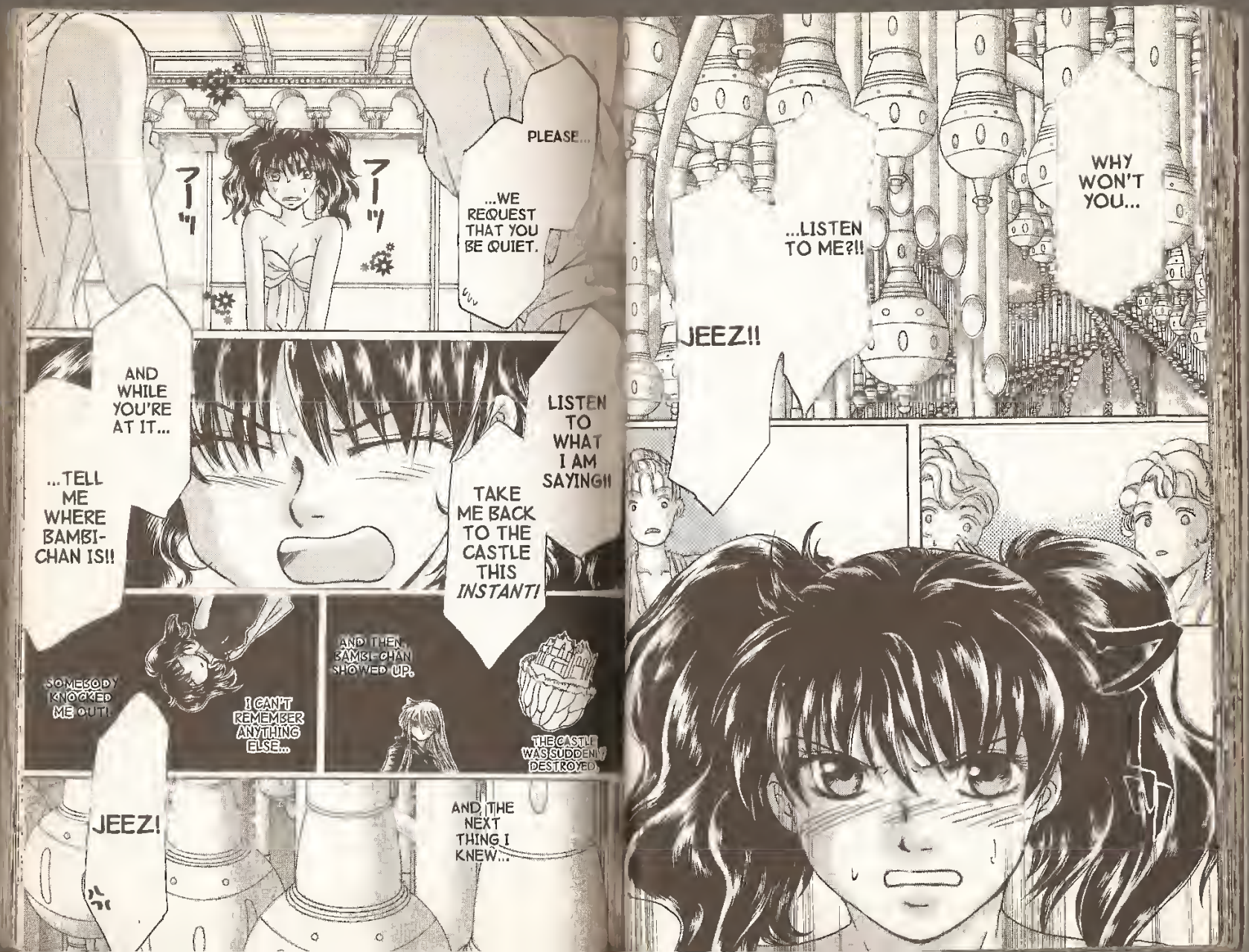

THE FOUR LIVING WEAPONS...
...ARE A BUNDLE OF INDIVIDUALS.
SO THAT THE WORLD THEY LOVE WILL SURVIVE.
...IN A CRUMBLING UNIVERSE.
OCCURRING OVER AND OVER AGAIN...
EVEN A FRACTION OF ONE OF THEM...
...WILL SURVIVE THE INFINITE CYCLES OF DESTRUCTION.
BUT THE LIVING WEAPONS AND THE ORGANIC GOLD...


BUT THIS TIME, I WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
AND YOU DIED WITH THE SECRET OF THE GEMNA, SO THAT NO ONE ELSE COULD TAKE IT.
YOU HAVE BEEN HI... SO MANY YEARS
ABANDONED.
I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE TWO HEARTS.
I KNOW.
WHY DID THE LUNA TRY TO PROTECT THE WORLD, THE PEOPLE, UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT?
SO I ASK YOU, WHY?
YOU THINK HUMANS WILL DESTROY THEMSELVES.
YOU THINK NOTHING OF THE WORLD.
COUGH!
SEEU.
RATHER, I WANT TO BELIEVE THAT WHEN THERE IS STRENGTH IN LIFE...
...THERE IS STRENGTH IN WILL.


...ONLY BORROW ENERGY FROM THOSE WHO TRULY WANT TO LIVE.
THE LIVING WEAPONS...
I'M
...SHAKING.
...FROM THE DARK WORLD?
...BOTH KAGUYA AND I...
WHY DID IT TRY TO PROTECT...
TELL ME WHY.
THE LUNA WHICH BEARS YOUR SOUL
DOES THE LUNA...
...CARRY SYMPATHY?
...YOUR WILL. IT IS WHAT TRIED TO SAVE THE WORLD.
THIS ORGANIC GOLD IS...

!
IT'S SMELLS LIKE PYRO.

THE SAGES ARE GONE.
MY DOLL IS BROKEN.
THE MASTER OF PYRO HAS BEEN IN MY CASTLE.
THE BARRIER'S BEEN BREACHED.
WHAT ARE WE DOING, MESHIE?
UMM-- SHOULD WE HAVE DONE THAT?
I'M SURE THE PRINCESS WILL BE ABSOLUTELY FURIOUS WITH US!
And Seev is pissed, I tell you what!
SNEAKING AROUND, LISTENING IN ON KURA'S PLANS, AND NOW THIS?


PLEASE...
...WE REQUEST THAT YOU BE QUIET.
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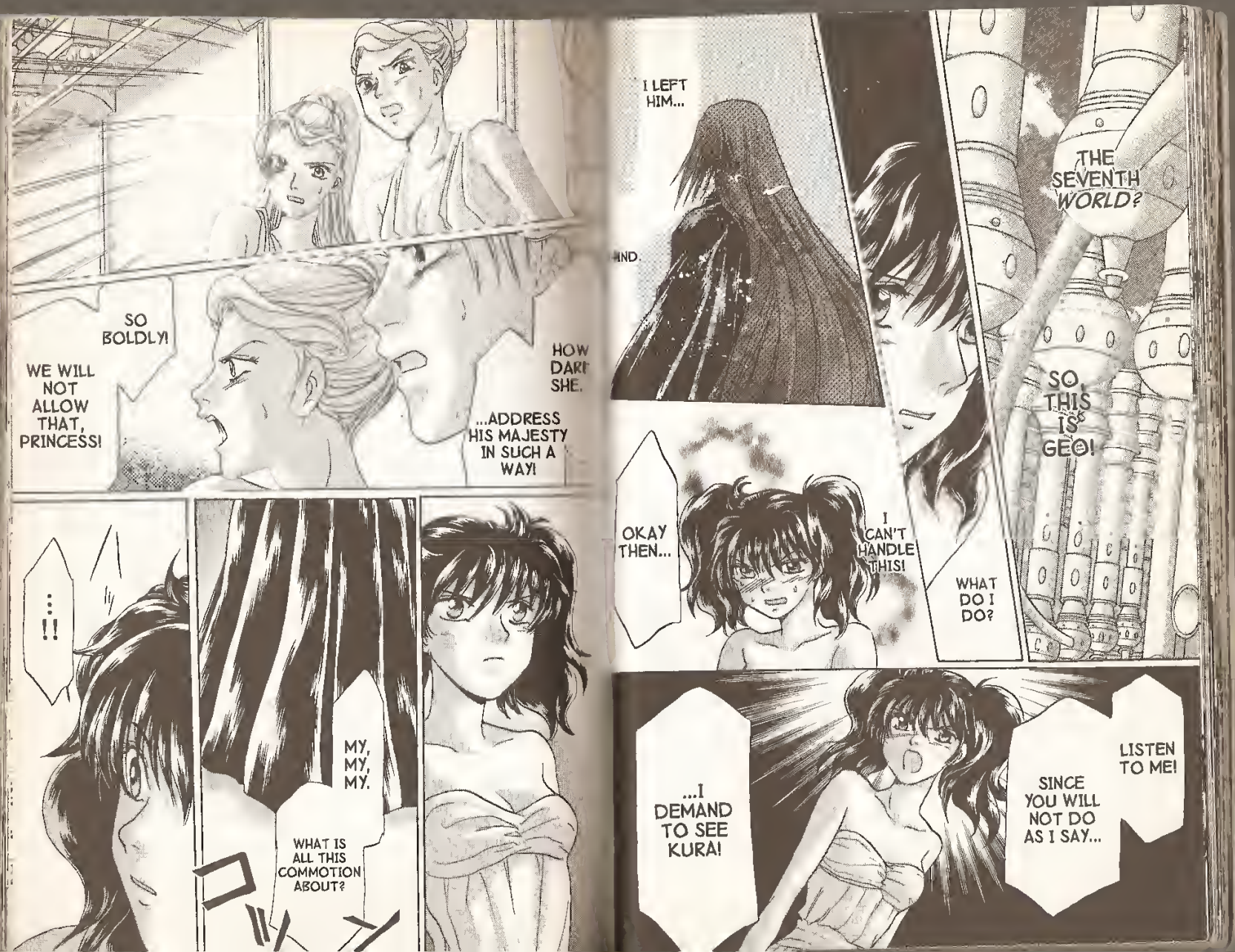
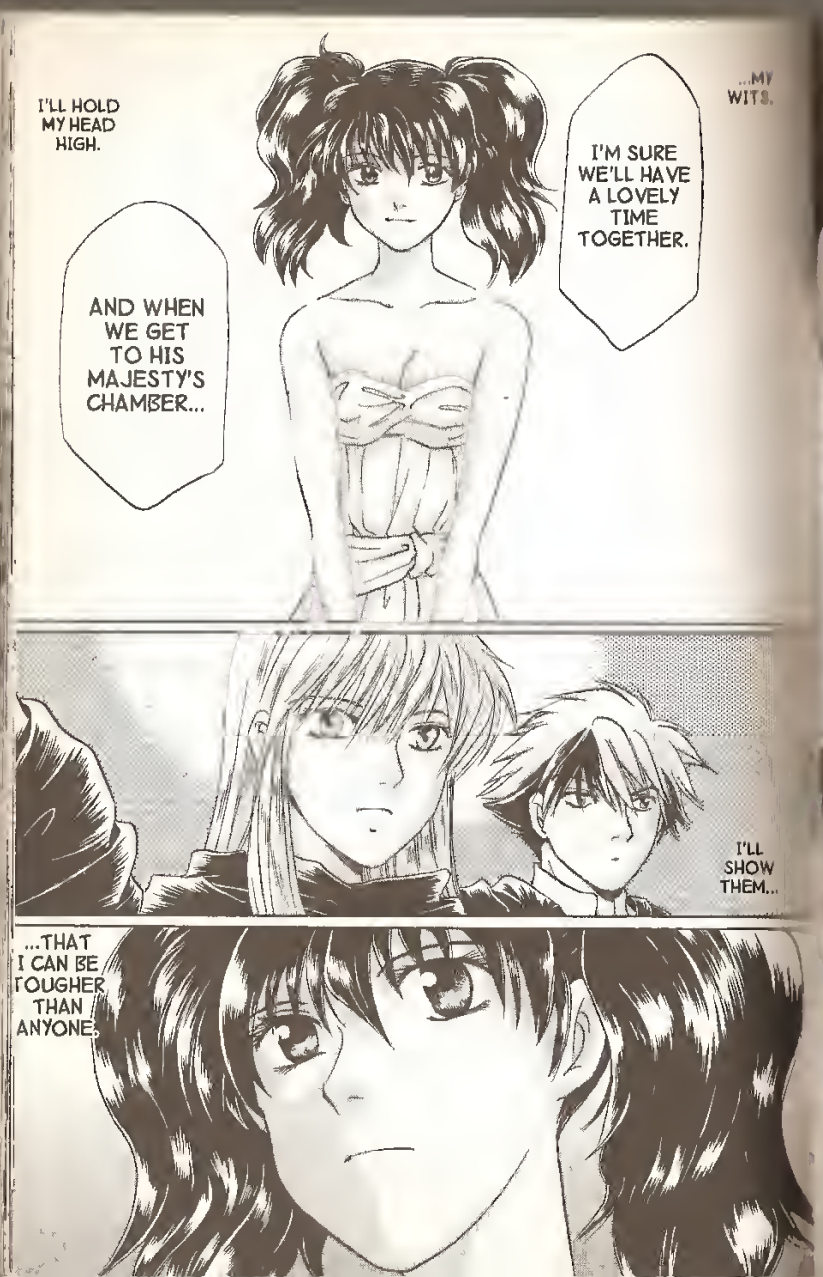
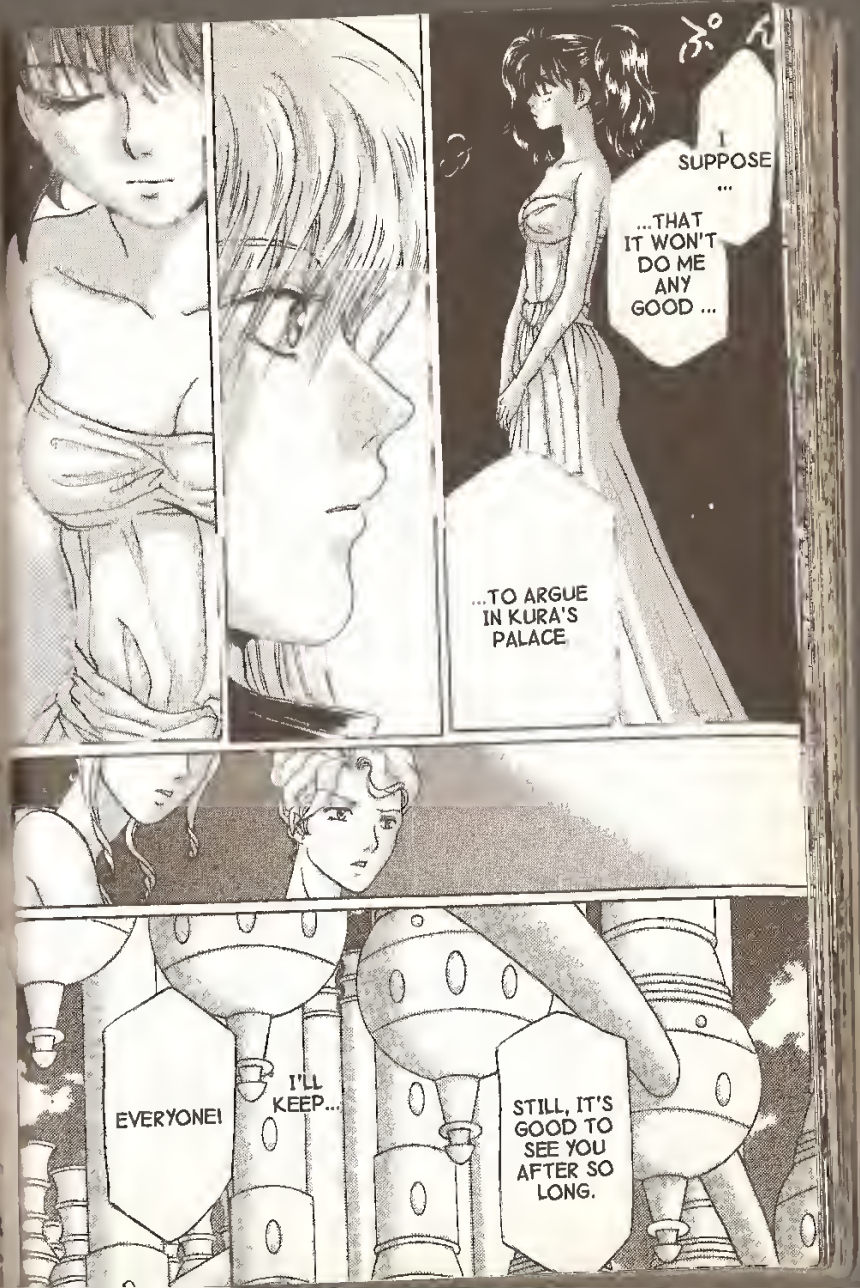
フーッ
AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT...
...TELL ME WHERE BAMBI-CHAN IS!!
LISTEN TO WHAT I AM SAYING!!
TAKE ME BACK TO THE CASTLE THIS INSTANT!
SOMEBODY KNOCKED ME OUT!
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ELSE...
AND THEN BAMBI-CHAN SHOWED UP.
THE CASTLE WAS SUDDENLY DESTROYED
JEEZ!
AND THE NEXT THING I KNEW...
JEEZ!!
...LISTEN TO ME?!!
WHY WON'T YOU...

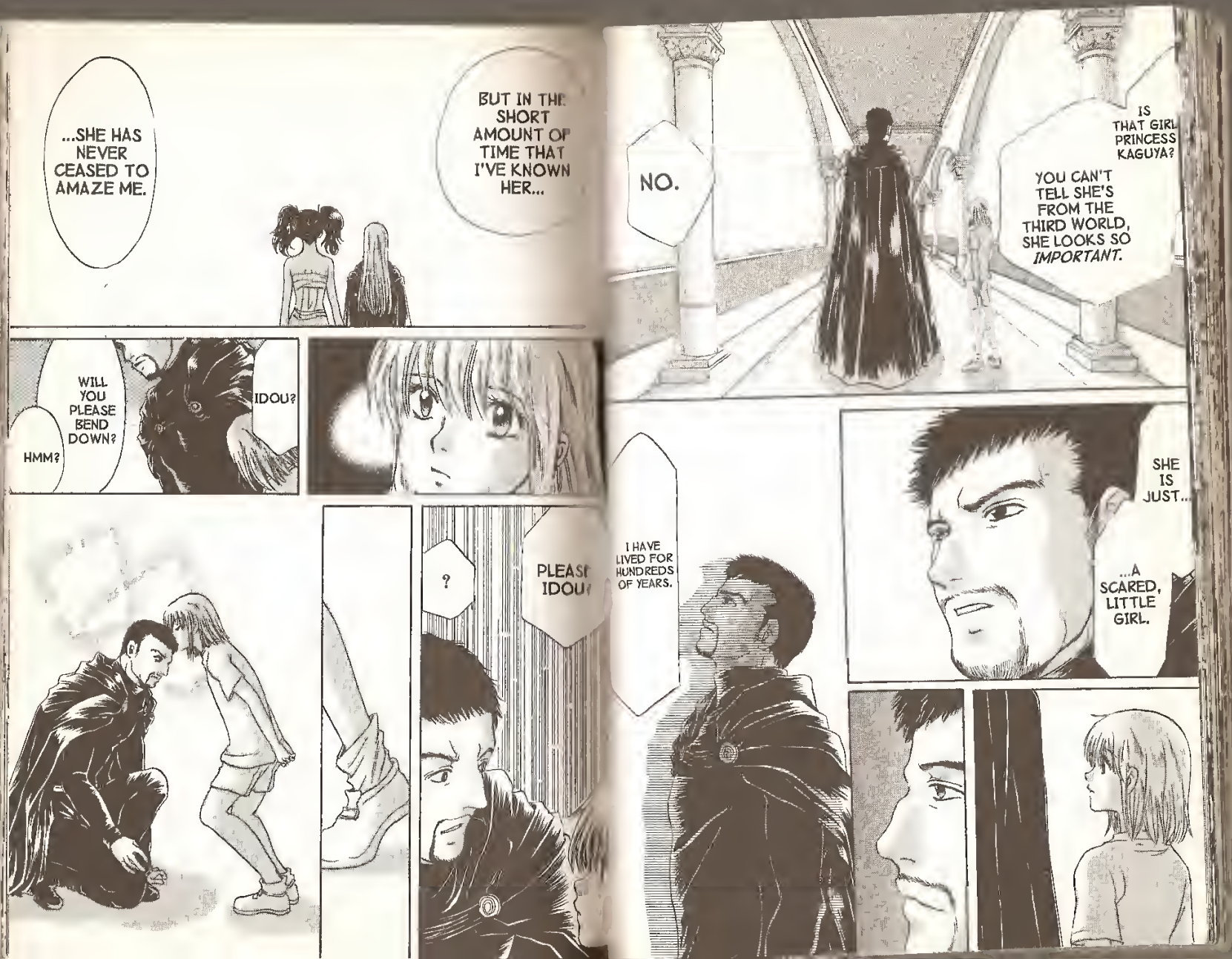

SO BOLDLY!
WE WILL NOT ALLOW THAT, PRINCESS!
HOW DARE SHE.
...ADDRESS HIS MAJESTY IN SUCH A WAY!
...!!
MY, MY, MY.
WHAT IS ALL THIS COMMOTION ABOUT?
I LEFT HIM...
THE SEVENTH WORLD?
SO THIS IS GEO!
OKAY THEN...
I CAN'T HANDLE THIS!
WHAT DO I DO?
...I DEMAND TO SEE KURA!
SINCE YOU WILL NOT DO AS I SAY...
LISTEN TO ME!

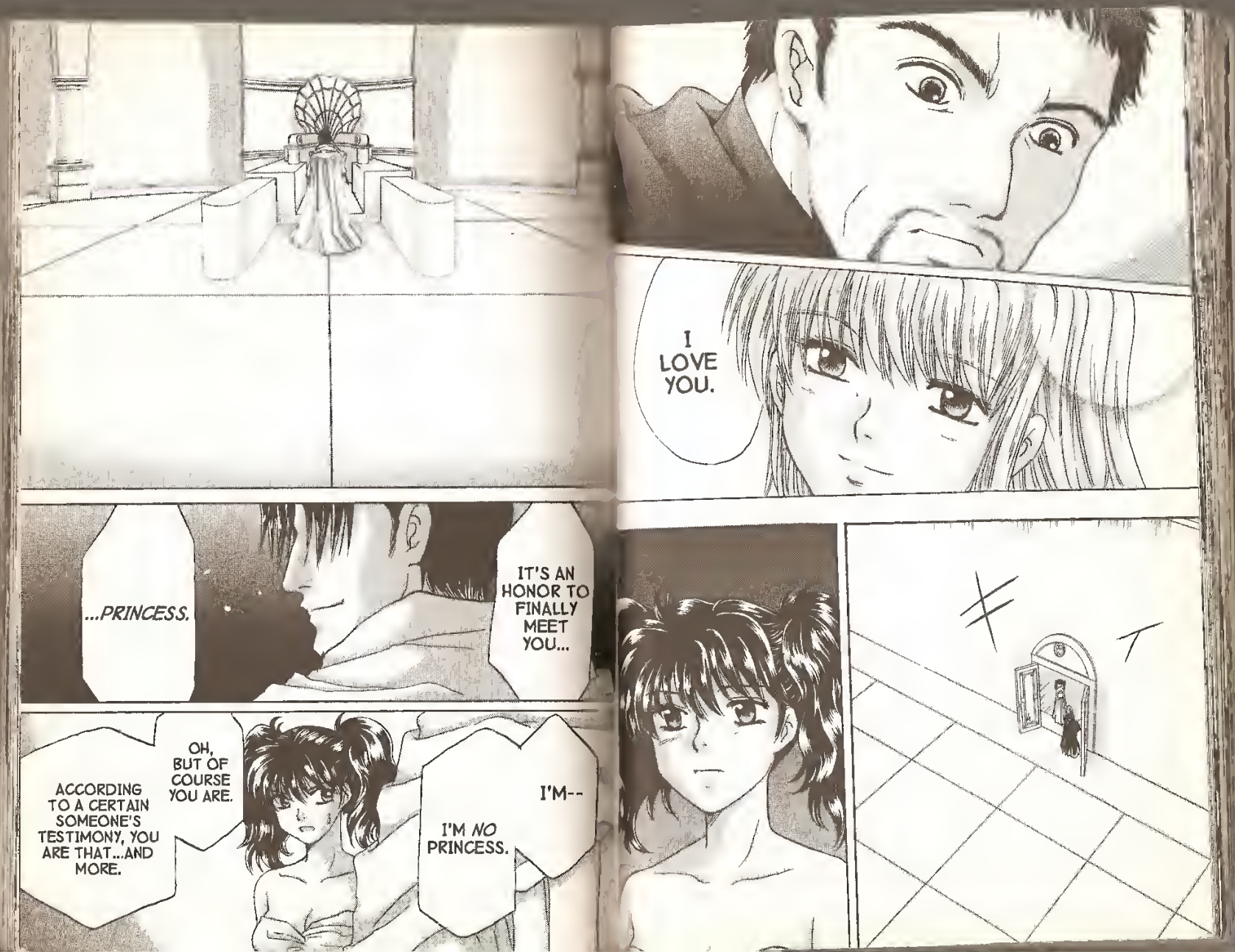
LET HER SEE HIM.
AND WHAT EXCELLENT TIMING.
KURA IS WAITING FOR HER.
BAMBI-CHAN?
AND... IS THAT IDOU-SAN?
I have only seen him in my dreams...
AND... ...THE PERSON I MET IN TELENE ONCE.
I ONCE TRAVELED TO EDEN TO GET YOU.
IT WAS THEN THAT YOU SAW ME.
YOU ARE THE ONE...
...WHO BROUGHT ME HERE?

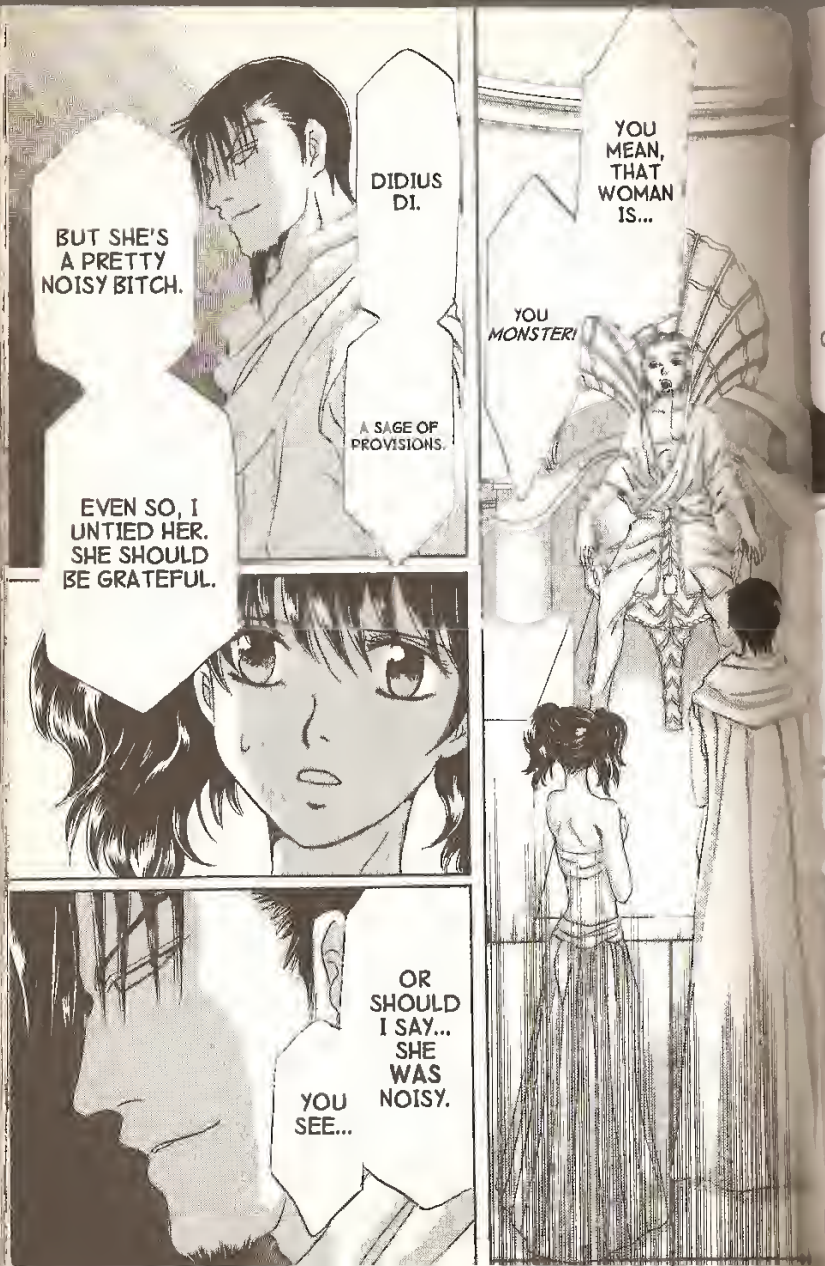
...WHEN I WAS CRYING ALONE.
...OPENED YOUR DOORS FOR ME...
I UNDER-STAND.
UNDER THE ORDER OF MY COMMANDER, HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR.
YES...
...PRINCESS.
YOU WERE THE FIRST PERSON...
...I MET HERE.
BAMBI...


I'LL HOLD MY HEAD HIGH.
I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE A LOVELY TIME TOGETHER.
...MY WITS.
AND WHEN WE GET TO HIS MAJESTY'S CHAMBER...
I'LL SHOW THEM...
...THAT I CAN BE TOUGHER THAN ANYONE.


I SUPPOSE ...
...THAT IT WON'T DO ME ANY GOOD ...
...TO ARGUE IN KURA'S PALACE
EVERYONE!
I'LL KEEP...
STILL, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AFTER SO LONG.


...SHE HAS NEVER CEASED TO AMAZE ME.
BUT IN THE SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME THAT I'VE KNOWN HER...
HMM?
WILL YOU PLEASE BEND DOWN?
IDOU?
?
PLEASE IDOU?
NO.
IS THAT GIRL PRINCESS KAGUYA?
YOU CAN'T TELL SHE'S FROM THE THIRD WORLD, SHE LOOKS SO *IMPORTANT.*
I HAVE LIVED FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.
SHE IS JUST...
...A SCARED, LITTLE GIRL.


I LOVE YOU.
...PRINCESS.
IT'S AN HONOR TO FINALLY MEET YOU...
ACCORDING TO A CERTAIN SOMEONE'S TESTIMONY, YOU ARE THAT...AND MORE.
OH, BUT OF COURSE YOU ARE.
I'M *NO* PRINCESS.
I'M--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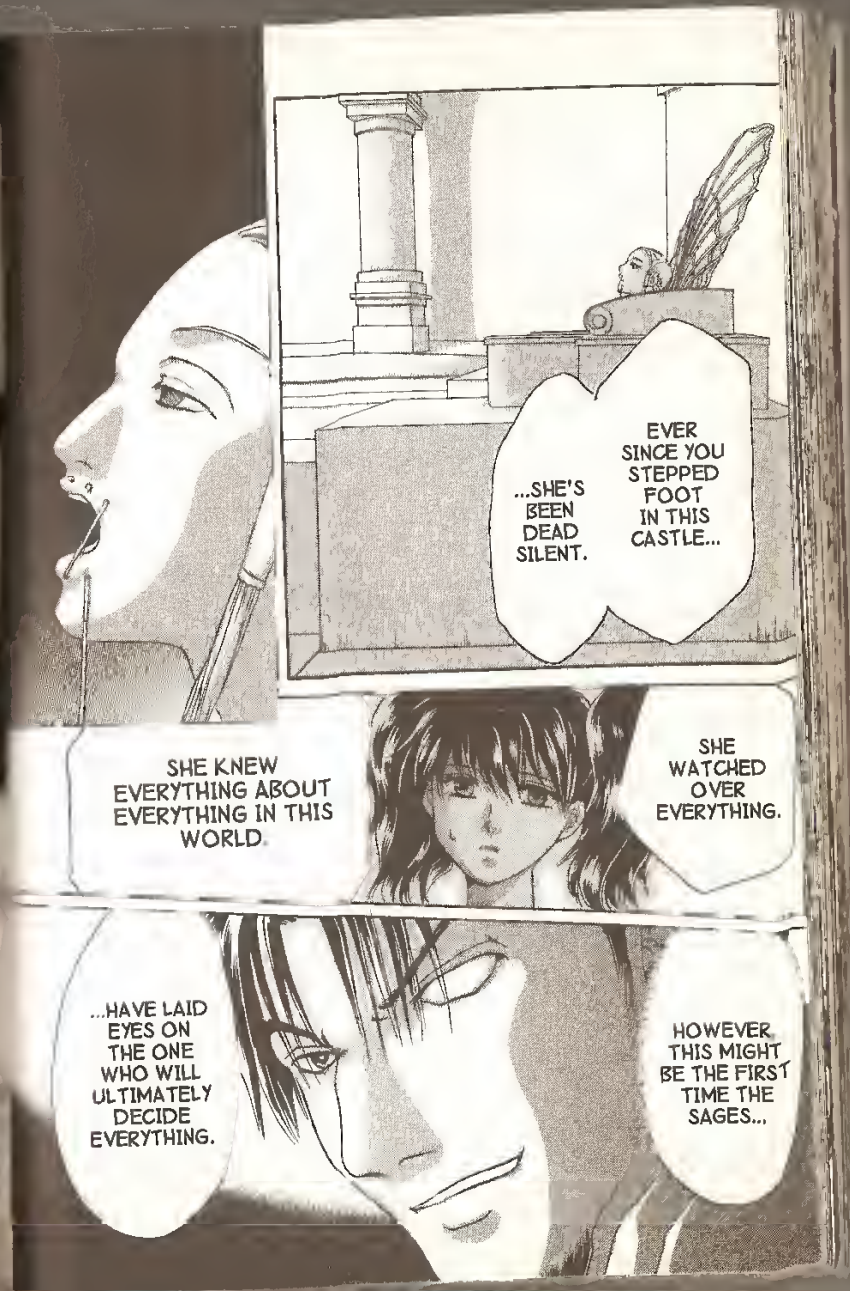
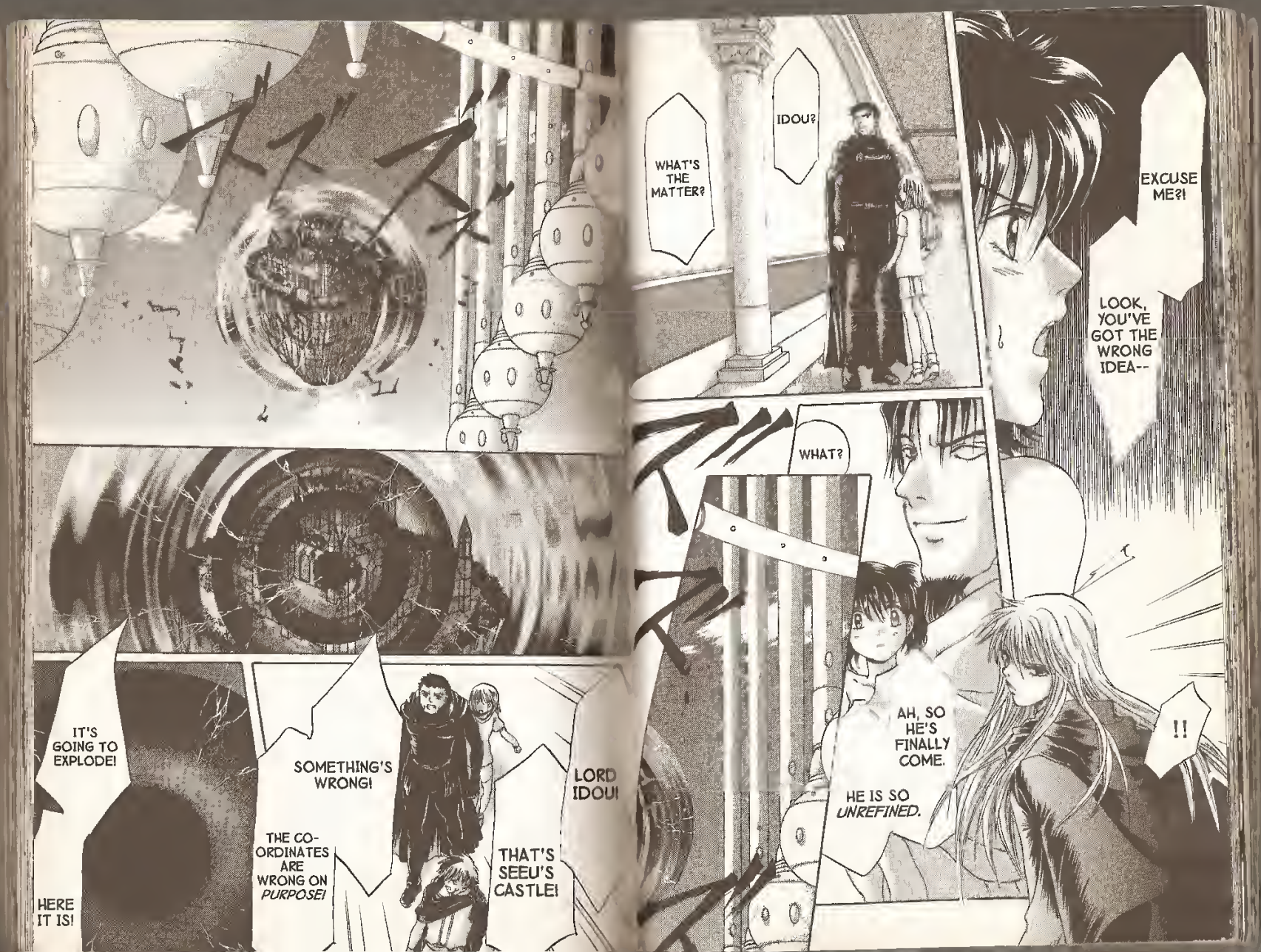
A SAGE OF PROVISIONS.
BUT SHE'S A PRETTY NOISY BITCH.
EVEN SO, I UNTIED HER. SHE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL.
OR SHOULD I SAY... SHE WAS NOISY.
YOU SEE...
YOU MEAN, THAT WOMAN IS...
YOU MONSTER!

YOUR MOTHER ENTRUSTED YOU WITH HER OWN CHIP, SO IT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT WERE YOU TO CHANCE UPON ONE ANOTHER.
BUT MY DARLING, IF YOU WEREN'T, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THAT CHIP IN YOUR HEAD, NOW WOULD YOU?
YOUR MOTHER WAS A VALIANT WOMAN IN A WORLD WHERE NO ELSE EXISTED, WAS SHE NOT?
OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT YOUR OLDER BROTHER KAGAMI HAS SAID.
!!
MOTHER...

...KURA.
A PLEASURE MEETING YOU, PRINCESS KAGUYA...
LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN.
MY BRIDE.


...SHE'S BEEN DEAD SILENT.
EVER SINCE YOU STEPPED FOOT IN THIS CASTLE...
SHE KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD.
SHE WATCHED OVER EVERYTHING.
...HAVE LAID EYES ON THE ONE WHO WILL ULTIMATELY DECIDE EVERYTHING.
HOWEVER, THIS MIGHT BE THE FIRST TIME THE SAGES...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IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE!
HERE IT IS!
SOMETHING'S WRONG!
THE CO-ORDINATES ARE WRONG ON *PURPOSE!*
LORD IDOU!
THAT'S SEEU'S CASTLE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
IDOU?
EXCUSE ME?!
LOOK, YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA--
WHAT?
AH, SO HE'S FINALLY COME.
HE IS SO *UNREFINED.*
!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHAT?
WAIT!
ATTACK, BAMVIVIKI!!
THE GREAT PRINCE HAS COME TO TAKE BACK HIS PRINCESS.
WHAT!
BUT YOU ARE NOT LEAVING! ♡
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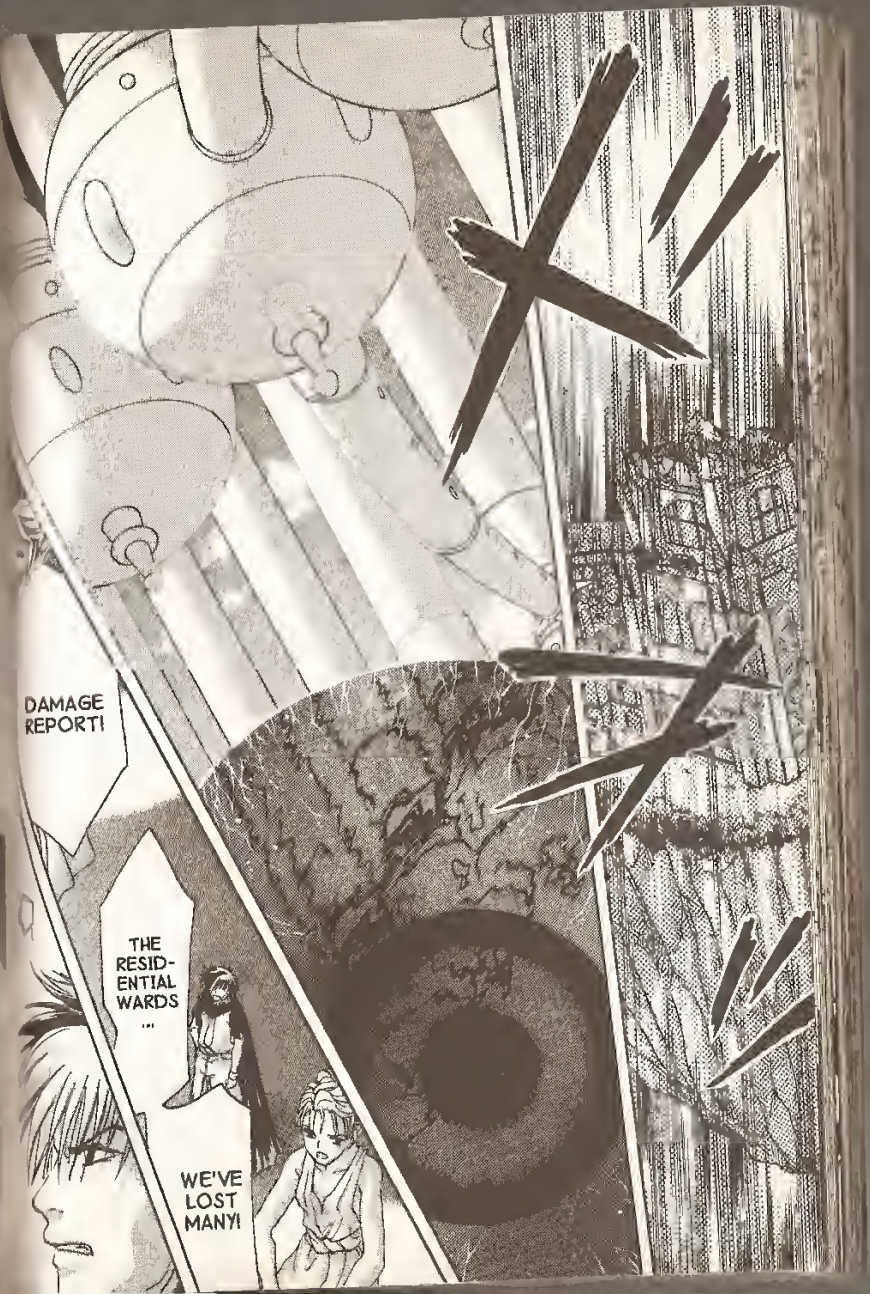
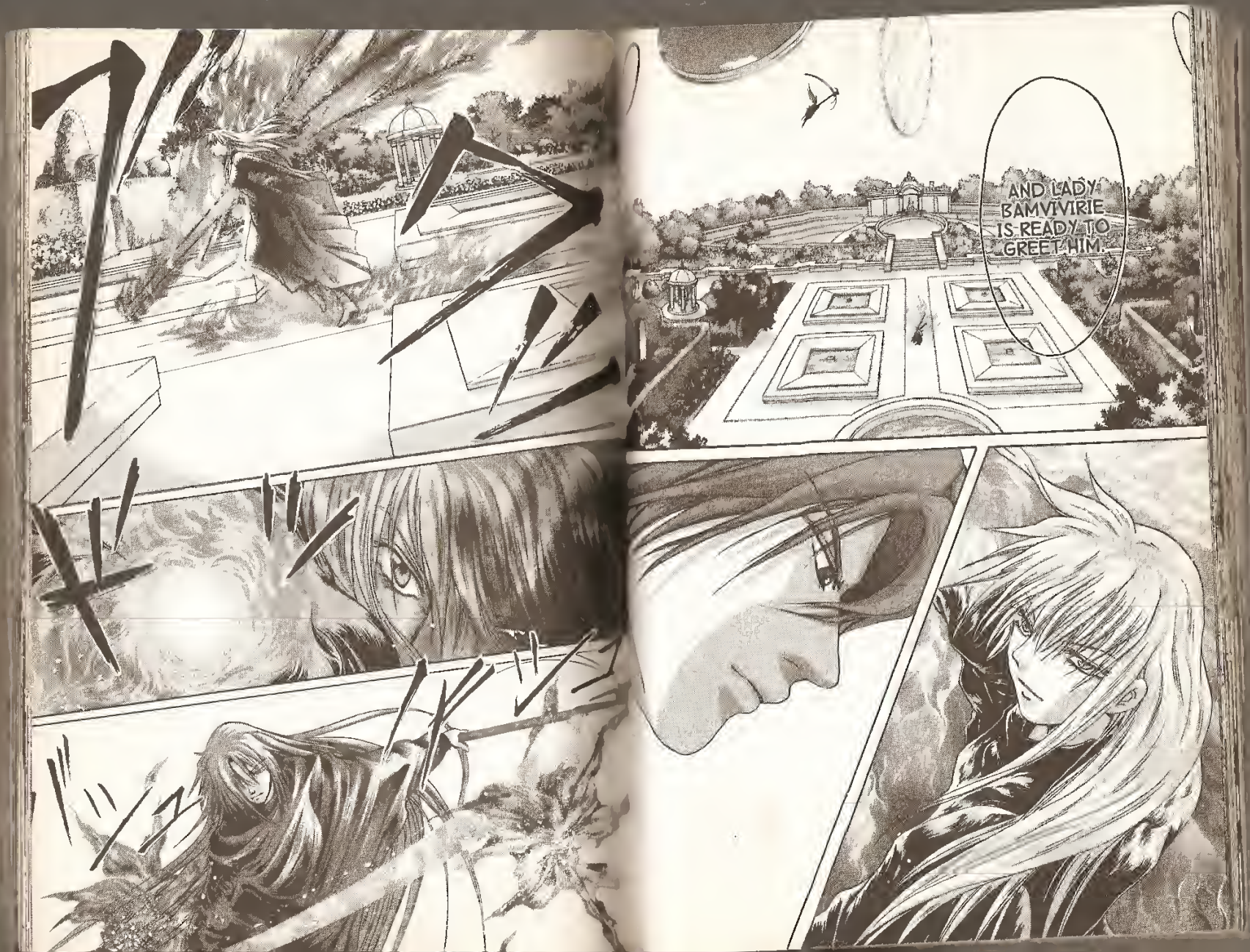
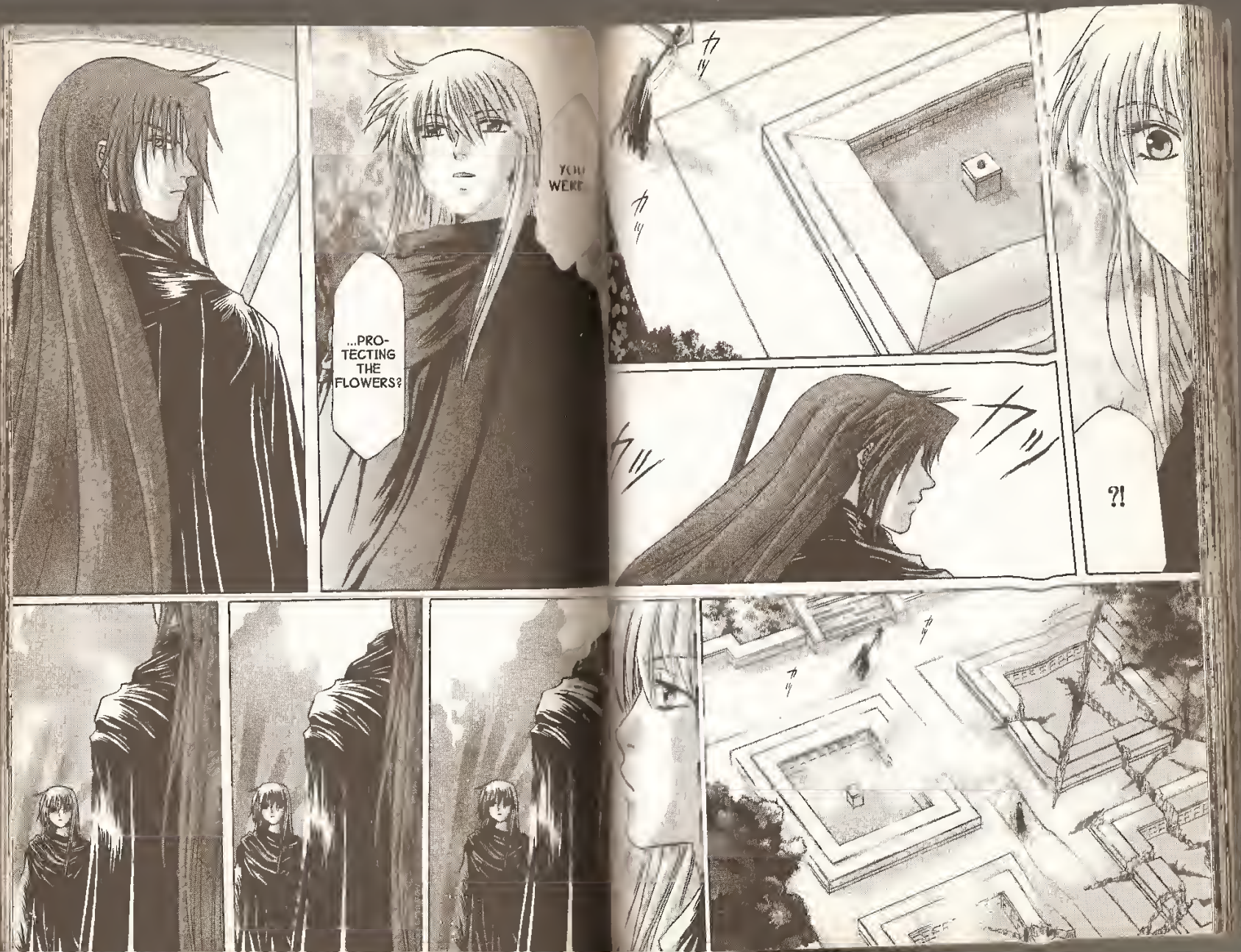
...!


DAMAGE REPORT!
THE RESID-ENTIAL WARDS ...
WE'VE LOST MANY!

SO WE KNOW...
...WHERE THE MAD PRINCE IS GOING TO ENTER.
THIS KIND OF HUMILIATION HAS NEVER HAPPENED TO HIS MAJESTY BEFORE.
I WILL NOT ALLOW A TRESPASSER IN THIS PALACE!
HE HAS BROKEN THROUGH THE BARRIER, BUT...
...THE DAMAGE IS TRIVIAL! BEGIN RESTORATION!!
NOT IMPORTANT!
THE LIVING WEAPONS ARE CALLING ONE ANOTHER.
INCREASE SURVEILLANCE!


AND LADY BAMVIVIRIE IS READY TO GREET HIM.

SEEMS YOU'RE NOT ADEPT ...
...AT CLOSE-RANGE COMBAT.


YOU WERE
...PRO-TECTING THE FLOWERS?
?!

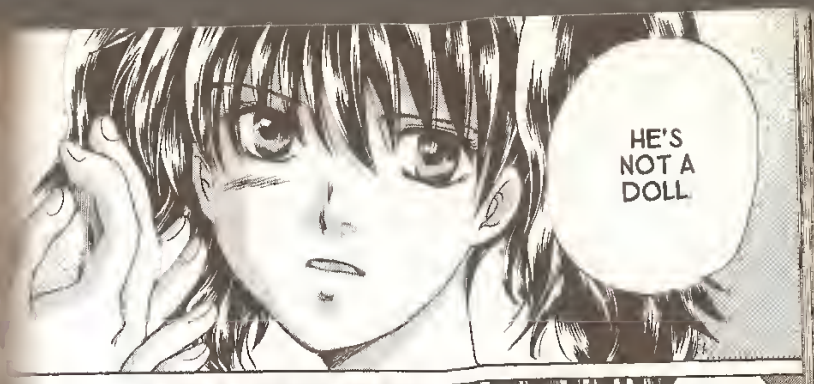
LET ME GO!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME!
YOU ARE MINE.
I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT TO YOU.
EEEK!
WA HA HA HA!
WHAT A SPOILED LITTLE PRINCESS!
UNDERSTAND, PRINCESS?
...LISTENING TO YOUR WHINING VOICE.
IT'S VERY AGGRA-VATING...
NOW I'M STARTING TO GET VERY ANGRY.
I WONDER WHY THAT IS?
YOUR POINT IS?

TAKE A SEAT.
AND THINK FOR A MOMENT.
WHICH IS THE MOST INTELLIGENT CHOICE?
SOMETIMES IT'S A CURSE TO BE BORN WITH A CUTE FACE, OR TO BE BORN A WOMAN.
IT'S FOOLISH FOR SUCH A SMALL GIRL TO BE SO STUBBORN.
MAYBE I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER OFFER...
PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE A LOVER?
SOON ENOUGH, SEEU WILL BELONG TO ME AS WELL.
HOWEVER, IF IT IS THE PRINCESS' WISH, I CAN BE LENIENT ON HIM.
THAT IS MY POWER.
ON THE SMALLEST WHIM, I COULD MAKE YOU WISH YOU WERE NEVER BORN.
OR PERHAPS JUST BEING BORN WITH LIMBS.
WHERE IS HE?
WHERE IS SEEU?
IT DOESN'T UPSET ME THAT YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH A MAN-DOLL
AND I'LL DROWN YOU IN LOYAL SERVANTS WHO WILL LOOK OVER YOUR EVERY NEED.
NOW! BE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL AND COME WITH ME.
IF YOU LOOK CUTE AND SMILE, THEN I'LL LET YOU SIT IN THE PRINCESS' THRONE.

HIS ROLE WAS TO GRANT THE WISHES OF ALL THE KINGDOM'S PEOPLE.
LONG, LONG AGO, HE WAS THE SUBLIME PRINCE OF A KINGDOM.
BUT THERE'S MORE.

AS HIGH ABOVE THEM AS HE WAS, HE SERVED EVERYONE BUT HIMSELF.
LIVING FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE, AND DYING FOR THEIR SAKE.
HE NEVER HAD A SINGLE DESIRE FOR HIMSELF.

BUT I SHALL BE THE EXCEPTION.
...END UP BEING USED FOR THE LOWEST OF THE LOW.
THOSE WHO TAKE ON THE HIGHEST RANKS...
I WONDER IF YOU COULD POSSIBLY UNDER-STAND.


HE'S NOT A DOLL.

HE IS NOTHING BUT A DOLL.
DO YOU, PRINCESS?
IT SEEMS YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL.

A HIGH-CLASS SLAVE BY BIRTH.
DON'T YOU SEE, PRINCESS? HE IS A DOLL.

I--
I MAY ONLY KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT HIM, BUT...
I MAY BE FOOLISH, AS YOU SAY.
I KNOW HE'S--
HE IS A PRINCE.

THERE WAS NEVER ANY WILL OF HIS OWN IN THOSE ACTIONS.
DO YOU SEE NOW?
HE ANSWERED KAGAMI'S WISH, AND PROTECTED THE PRINCESS.
HE ANSWERED RAGUNA'S WISH, AND PROTECTED THE GEMNA.
AND NOW PRINCESS, WHAT IS IT THAT YOU...
...ASKED OF HIM?
...I WASN'T BORN INTO CLASS.
AND UNLIKE HIM...
I AM THE ULTIMATE RULER. I AM DIFFERENT.
...HIS TWISTED MIND STILL AWAITS THEIR WISHES.
...EVEN AFTER LOSING HIS PEOPLE...
AND NOW...
HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT HE HAS THE CHOICE.
HOWEVER, HE HAS NO IDEA.
HE HAS LIVED FOR SO LONG, ALL HE WANTS IS SLEEP.
TO PUT IT BLUNTLY-- HE WANTS TO DIE.

BEFORE...

...I NEVER KNEW WHAT WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY.

...ANY WISHES OF MY OWN.

I NEVER HAD...

I THOUGHT I WAS DIFFERENT, BUT...

...IT IS A WAY OF LIFE I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT.

I AM EMPEROR, THERE IS NO OTHER RULER TO FOLLOW.

THE MOST LOGICAL NEXT STEP WOULD BE...

...TO ORDER HIM TO STAY HERE, WHERE THE PRINCESS NOW RESIDES, AND LEND HIS POWER TO GEO.

...TO ORDER HIM TO STAY HERE WHERE THE PRINCESS NOW RESIDES, AND LEND HIS POWER TO GEO.

WELL?

WHAT WAS IT, PRINCESS?

FOR YOU ALONE WILL CREATE THE FORM THE DOLL MUST TAKE.

HOWEVER, HE MUST PROTECT THE PRINCESS.

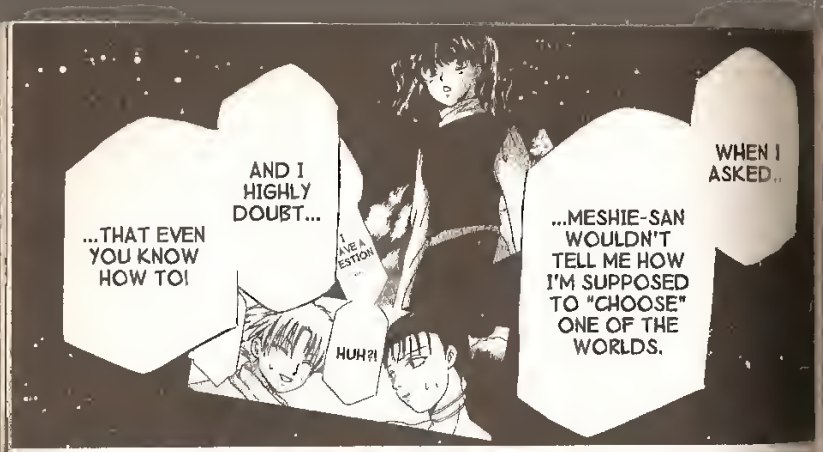
LIVING ACCORDING TO...

...THE WISHES OF OTHERS?

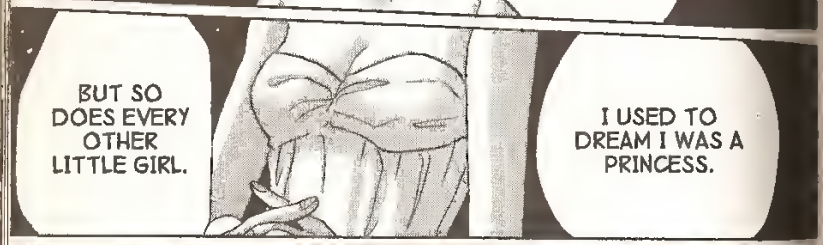
IT'S NOT RIGHT.
TO LIVE FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S WISHES?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I CAN DO.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
...I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT "THE GIRL OF ANANAI" *MEANS*.
BUT I...
ORDER SEEU AROUND? MAKE HIM STAY?
...THAT YOU WANT ME TO DO?
WHAT IS IT...
I THINK IT'S WRONG.
I DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT YOU THINK.
...OR A DOLL.
A SLAVE...
...I SOMETIMES FEEL THAT WAY.
WHEN I'M TIRED...
BUT...

WHY...?
!
THIS IS ALL TOO WEIRD.
WHY IS HE SAYING THIS NOW?
I THINK...
I THINK I GET IT.
NO.
THAT... THAT IS WHAT I WISH.
...WANT TO CHOOSE THE BEST PATH... FOR EVERYONE.
I JUST...
WELL, IT WILL BE A PATH WE BOTH WALK.
THAT IS THE PATH YOU CHOOSE.
I SEE.
ALL OF THE DECISIONS WILL BE MY RESPONSIBILITY.
I WILL DECIDE WHAT YOU DO.
BUT-
IN THE END, YOU WILL CHOOSE GEO.
TRUST ME. LEAVE IT IN MY HANDS.

THIS IS ALL A LIE!
WHAT'S WITH CALLING ME PRINCESS KAGUYA, TOO?
I HAVEN'T BEEN HER FROM THE START!
!
OH?
WHAT IS IT YOU THINK YOU GET?
YOU...
YOU DON'T THINK...
...I'M THE GIRL OF ANANAI.

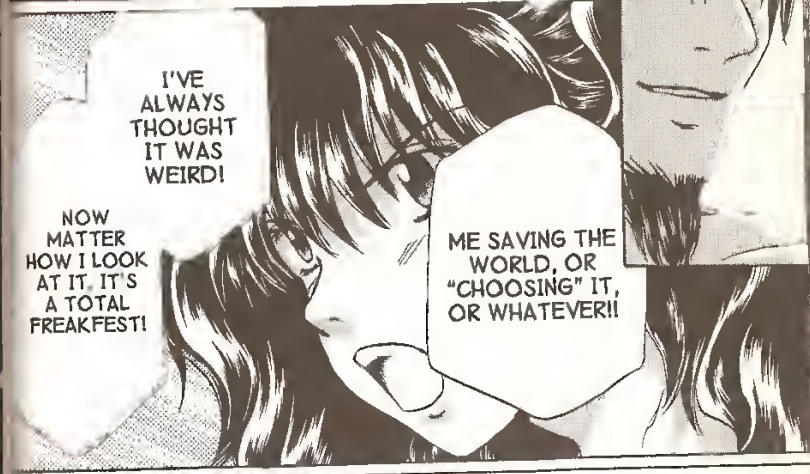

WHEN I ASKED..
...MESHIE-SAN WOULDN'T TELL ME HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO "CHOOSE" ONE OF THE WORLDS.
HUH?!
I HAVE A QUESTION
AND I HIGHLY DOUBT...
...THAT EVEN YOU KNOW HOW TO!

I JUST THOUGHT THAT SOMEDAY...
...SOME POWER I DON'T KNOW I HAVE...
...WOULD SUDDENLY APPEAR.


I USED TO DREAM I WAS A PRINCESS.
BUT SO DOES EVERY OTHER LITTLE GIRL.

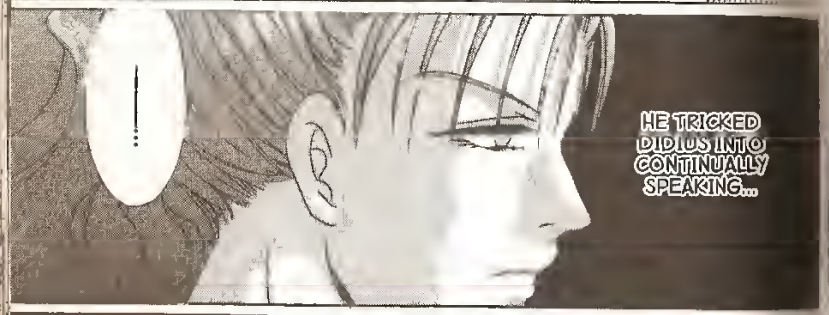
I KNOW THAT THOSE THINGS DON'T HAPPEN.
I AM MY OWN PERSON.

NOW, NOW... WHY THE SUDDEN OUTBURST?
BECAUSE I'M ANGRY, THAT'S WHY!
BECAUSE IT'S FREAKY!

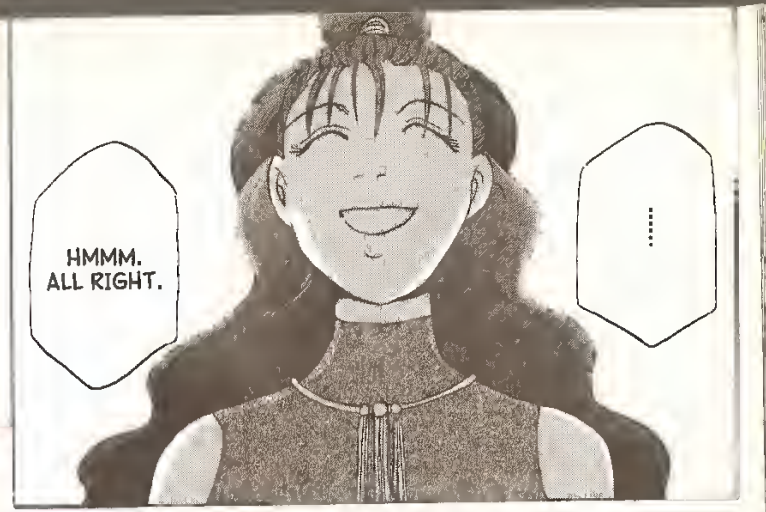

ME SAVING THE WORLD, OR "CHOOSING" IT, OR WHATEVER!!
NOW MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, IT'S A TOTAL FREAKFEST!
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD!

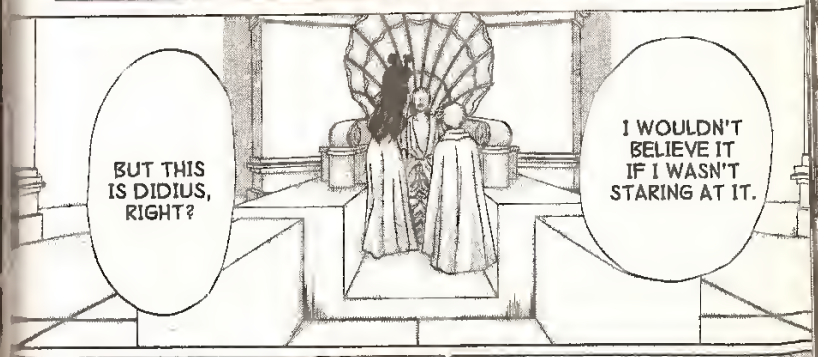
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT ANYONE SAYS!
I AM *NOT* A PRINCESS!
I'M JUST KAGAMI-SAN'S LITTLE SISTER!
AND YES, IT'S TRUE THAT I'M...
...KINDA *DIFFERENT* FROM OTHER PEOPLE.

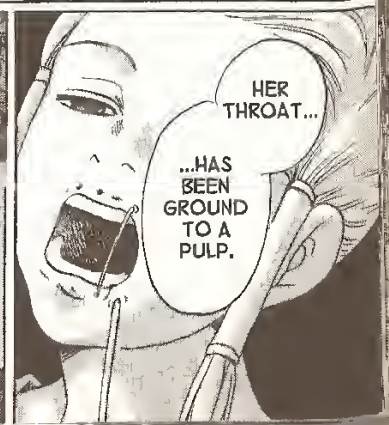
YOU'RE STILL TRYING TO TRICK ME?
YOU TRICK ALL THE WORLDS...
...WITH YOUR LIES.
...YOU NEED ME NOW.
THAT'S THE REASON...
NOW I'VE FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT.
I'M MY OWN PERSON. NOT ANYONE ELSE'S.
AND *YOU.*
SO!
AND EVERYONE JUST KEPT FILLING MY HEAD...
...WITH SO MUCH GARBAGE, I STARTED TO BELIEVE IT MYSELF.
I WASN'T BRAVE ENOUGH TO JUST BE MYSELF...
SO I BELIEVED IT.

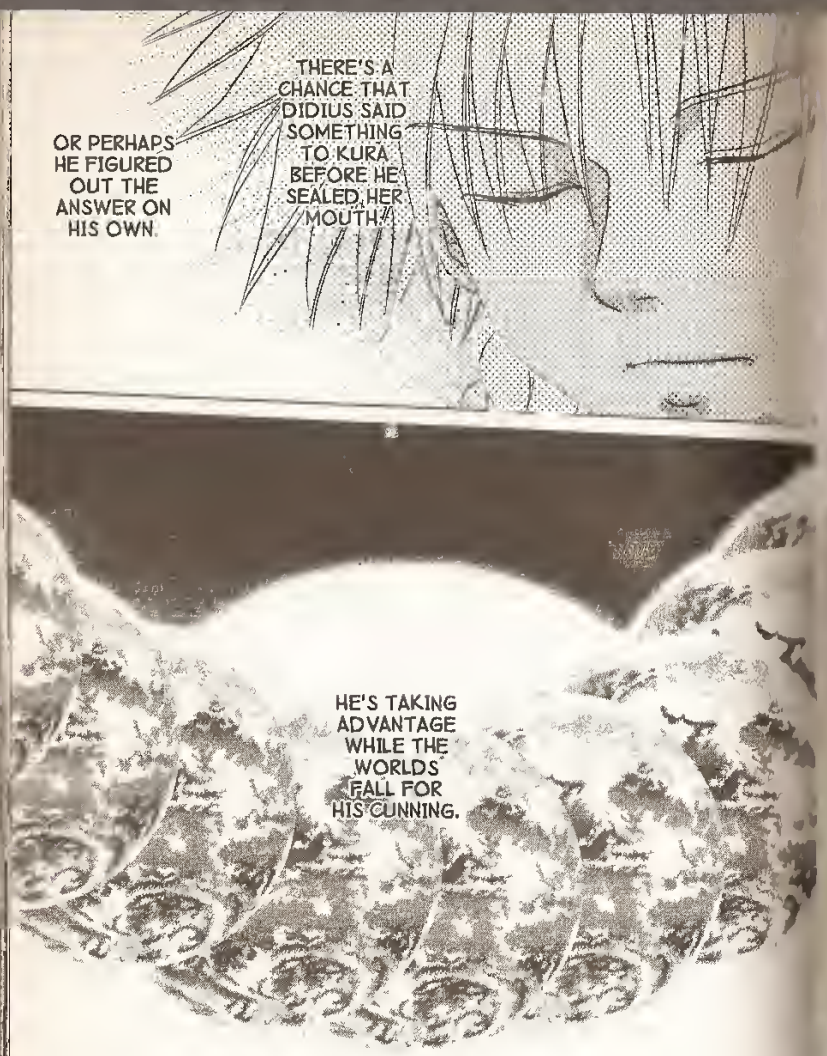


HE WANTED TO BE ABLE TO SAY THE SAGE FELL SILENT WHEN THE GIRL OF ANANAI ENTERED THE CASTLE.



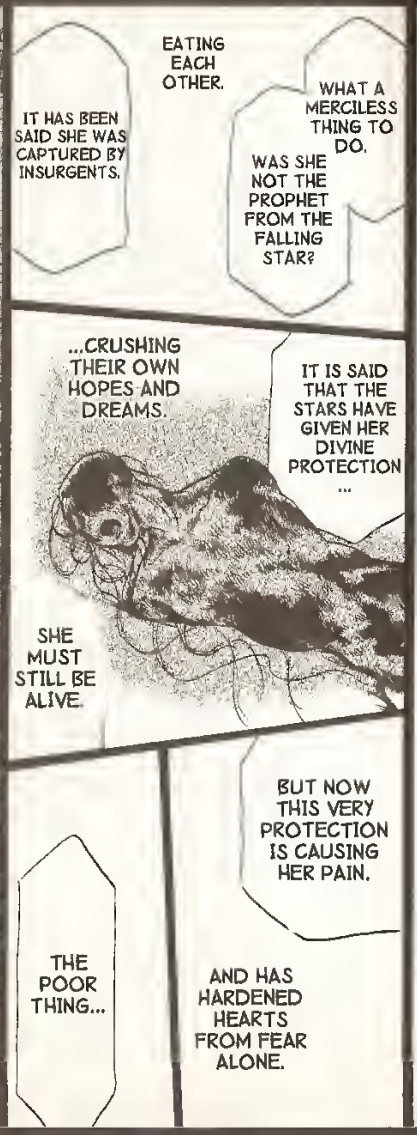


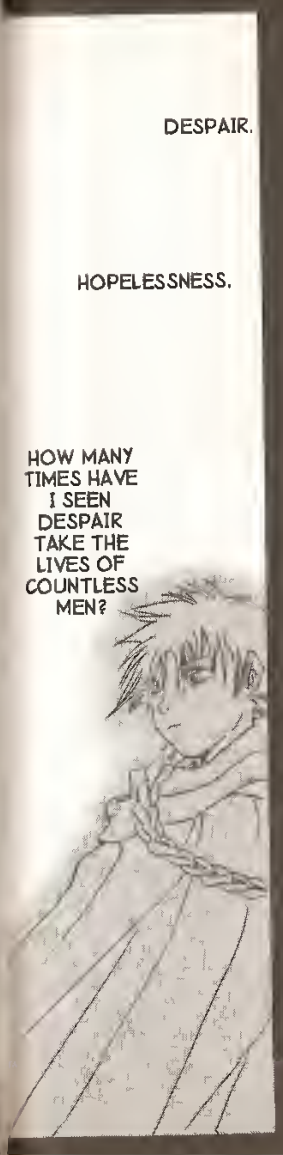


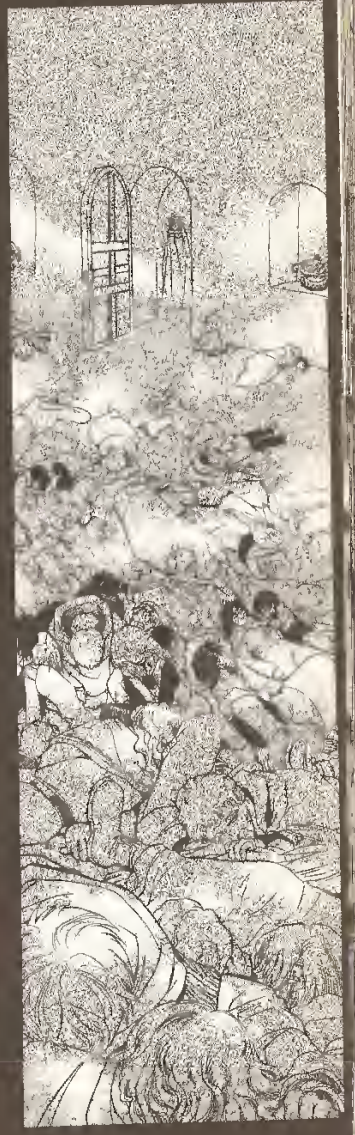

OR PERHAPS HE FIGURED OUT THE ANSWER ON HIS OWN.
THERE'S A CHANCE THAT DIDIUS SAID SOMETHING TO KURA BEFORE HE SEALED HER MOUTH.
HE'S TAKING ADVANTAGE WHILE THE WORLDS FALL FOR HIS CUNNING.

AS FOR IDOU...
HE'S PROBABLY ALREADY REALIZED THIS FARCE.
HE SEARED HER THROAT.
!
FARCE?
YOU AND KAGAMI STARTED THIS WHOLE MESS, CORRECT?

HUMANS ARE WEAK CREATURES.


IT HAS BEEN SAID SHE WAS CAPTURED BY INSURGENTS.
EATING EACH OTHER.
WHAT A MERCILESS THING TO DO.
WAS SHE NOT THE PROPHET FROM THE FALLING STAR?
...CRUSHING THEIR OWN HOPES AND DREAMS.
IT IS SAID THAT THE STARS HAVE GIVEN HER DIVINE PROTECTION ...
SHE MUST STILL BE ALIVE.
BUT NOW THIS VERY PROTECTION IS CAUSING HER PAIN.
THE POOR THING...
AND HAS HARDENED HEARTS FROM FEAR ALONE.


DESPAIR.
HOPELESSNESS.
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I SEEN DESPAIR TAKE THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS MEN?



...AND SMILE.
JUST SIT THERE...
...YOU WILL SIT AT MY SIDE, AND SMILE AS YOU WATCH THE OTHER WORLDS WITHER AND DIE!
WITH YOUR PRETTY FACE, BLUE EYES, AND VOICE LIKE A SONGBIRD...
...!!
PLUS, I DON'T THINK I'D BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE HONORABLE LITTLE SISTER OF THE ORGANIC GOLD.
BUT WITHOUT YOU, I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET MY HANDS ON SEEU.
NO DARLING, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE YOU IN PARTICULAR.
YOU'VE ALREADY SHOWN YOUR FACE TO THEM ALL, SO...
...THERE'S NO USE HIDING NOW.
...IS THE LAST THING YOU NEED!
SIT DOWN!
THAT BRAIN OF YOURS...
!!
NO STANDING WITHOUT MY PERMISSION!

...AND *OWN* HOPES...INTO THE HOPE OF THE WORLDS.
YOUR BROTHER TRIED TO MAKE...
...HIS OWN LITTLE SISTER...
I ALREADY HAVE A LONG LIFESPAN, THANKS TO THE LIVING WEAPONS, BUT...
I SIMPLY UTILIZED THE IDOLS FABRICATED BY MY FELLOW COLLEAGUES.
...DIDN'T EVEN TAKE A HUNDRED YEARS.
CREATING THE LEGEND ON GEO, AND SPREADING IT THROUGHOUT THE OTHER WORLDS...

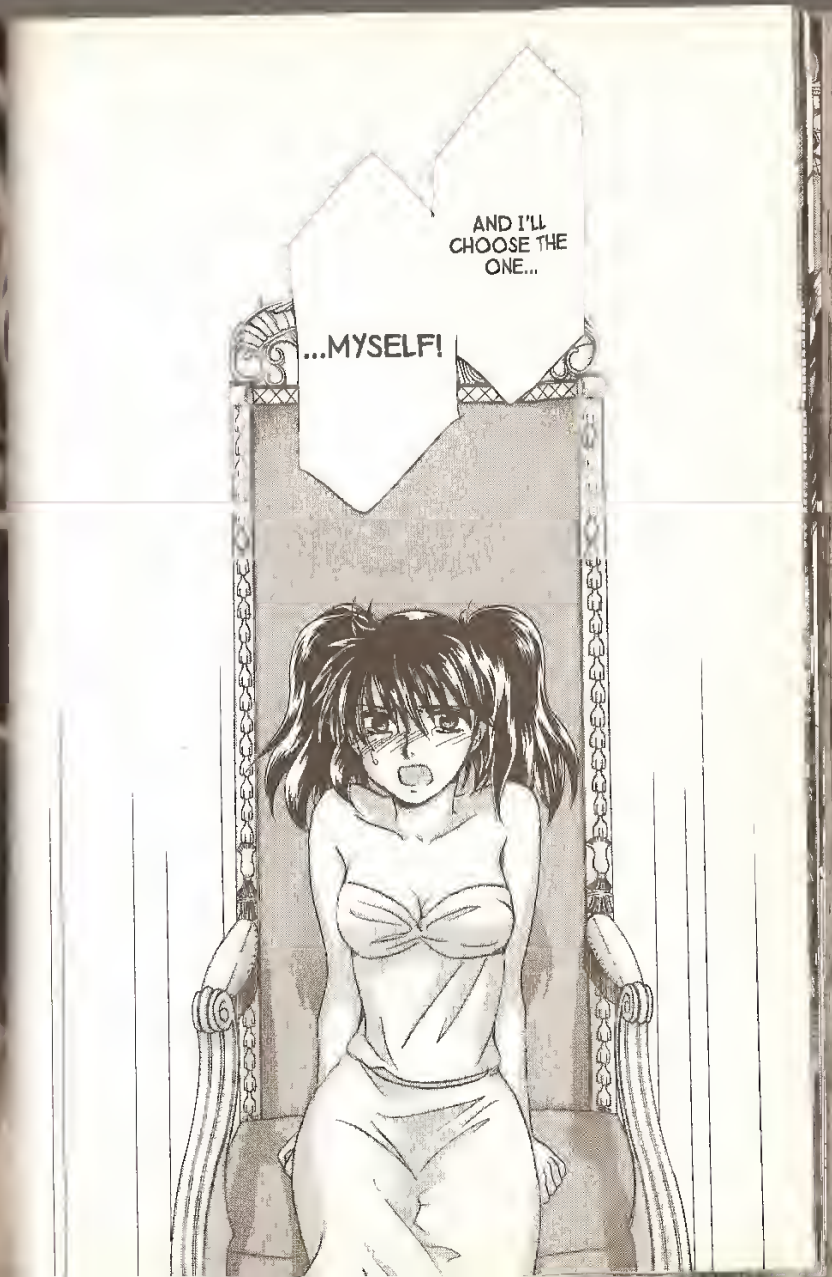
I DID NOT PLAN IT THIS WAY!
WHY ME?!
NO! YOU WOULDN'T!
IT'S ALL LIES!
THERE ARE COUNTLESS OTHER TALES OF SAVIORS... ALL THE SAME.
WHO KNOWS WHO MADE IT UP?
AT FIRST, IT WAS SIMPLY A LEGEND HANDED DOWN BY THE WORLD OF ANCIENT.
...WERE THAT CLEVER SAGE...AND YOUR KIND BROTHER.
AND THE ONES WHO FIRST THOUGHT OF UTILIZING THE POWER OF THOSE TALES...

...WAS NECESSARY FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER, PRINCESS.
THE ILLUSION THAT GEO, WHICH WAS IN ITS TIME OF DESCENT, COULD BE SAVED...
AND IF YOU THINK YOU CAN REFUSE...
AND I WILL *NOT* HAVE YOU SPEAK AGAINST IT!
FOR *THIS* WORLD, GEO...
AND IT MADE NO MATTER THAT THE SCHOLARS WOULD FIGURE IT OUT!
WHO CARES IF IT'S A FRAUD?!
YOU MAY CALL THEM LIES...
BUT WHAT DOES IT MATTER?!
THE PROMISE OF HOPE IS VITAL TO THOSE LIVING IN A LIFE OF DESPAIR!

I'M AFRAID OF HIM
I CAN'T DECIDE.
I'M TOO SCARED...
I WILL BE MAKING ALL THE DECISIONS.
I ALREADY TOLD YOU.
NO. YOU'RE WRONG.
YOU'RE NOT THE ONE.
I...
...DON'T UNDERSTAND.
WHO ARE YOU?
MY VOICE...
...IS TREMBLING.
...THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO MAKE YOU DO AS I SAY.
...THEN WHAT COMES NEXT?
I'M AFRAID.
AND AFTER I SAVE THE WORLD...
I'M-I'M TERRIFIED!
I'M AFRAID OF HIM.

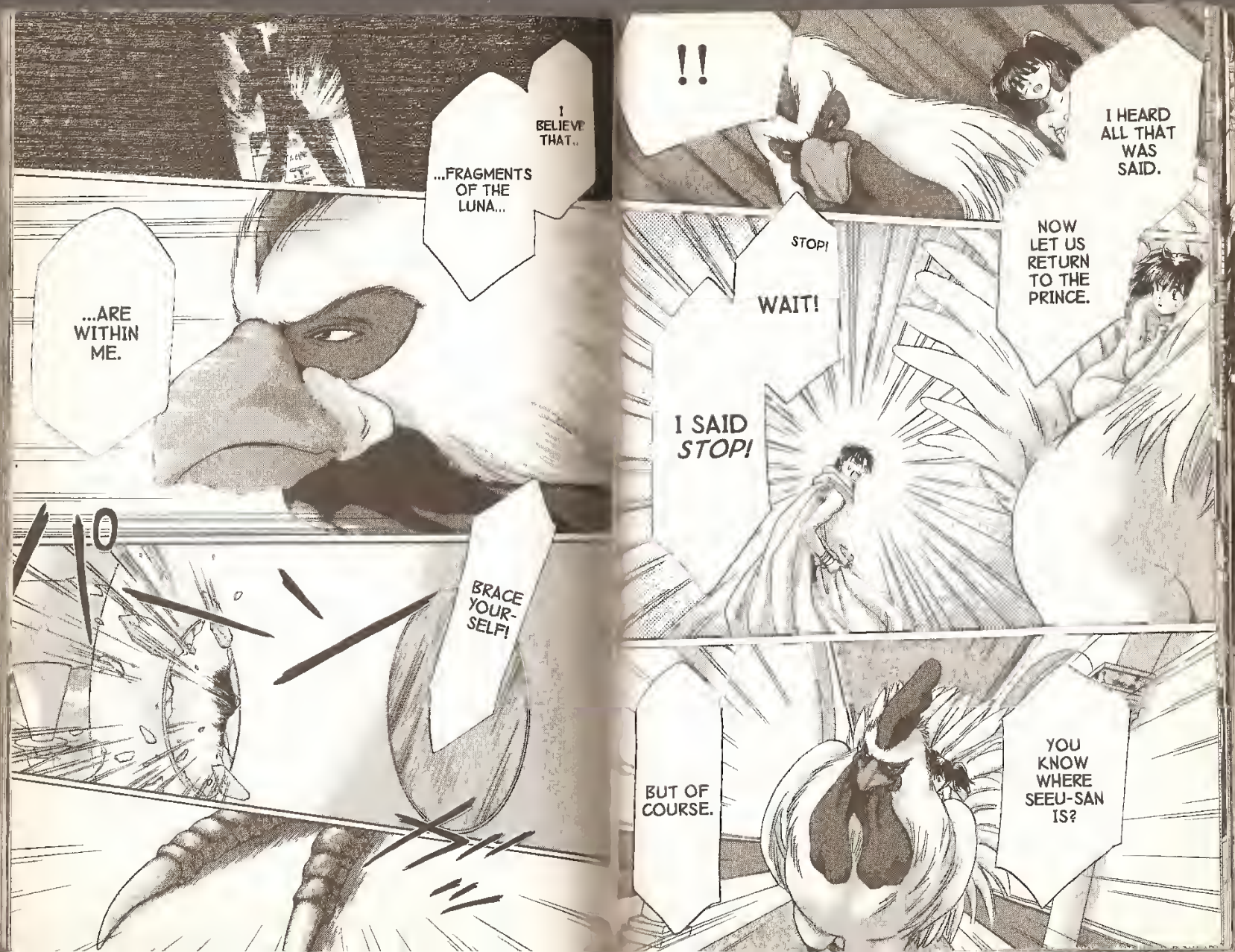
AND I'M NOT JUST PASSING OFF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SOMEONE ELSE...
I KNOW NOW THAT I MEAN NOTHING TO THIS WORLD!
I CANNOT DO THIS ON MY OWN! I DO NOT HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE!
AND THEY WILL HELP ME IN RETURN.
NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL IT MAY SEEM!
I WILL HELP THOSE IN NEED...
STILL, NO MATTER HOW LITTLE IT MAY BE, I WILL DO WHAT I CAN!
IT'S SEEU-SAN.
YOU CALL HIM A DOLL, BUT...
...BUT IT'S NOT TRUE!

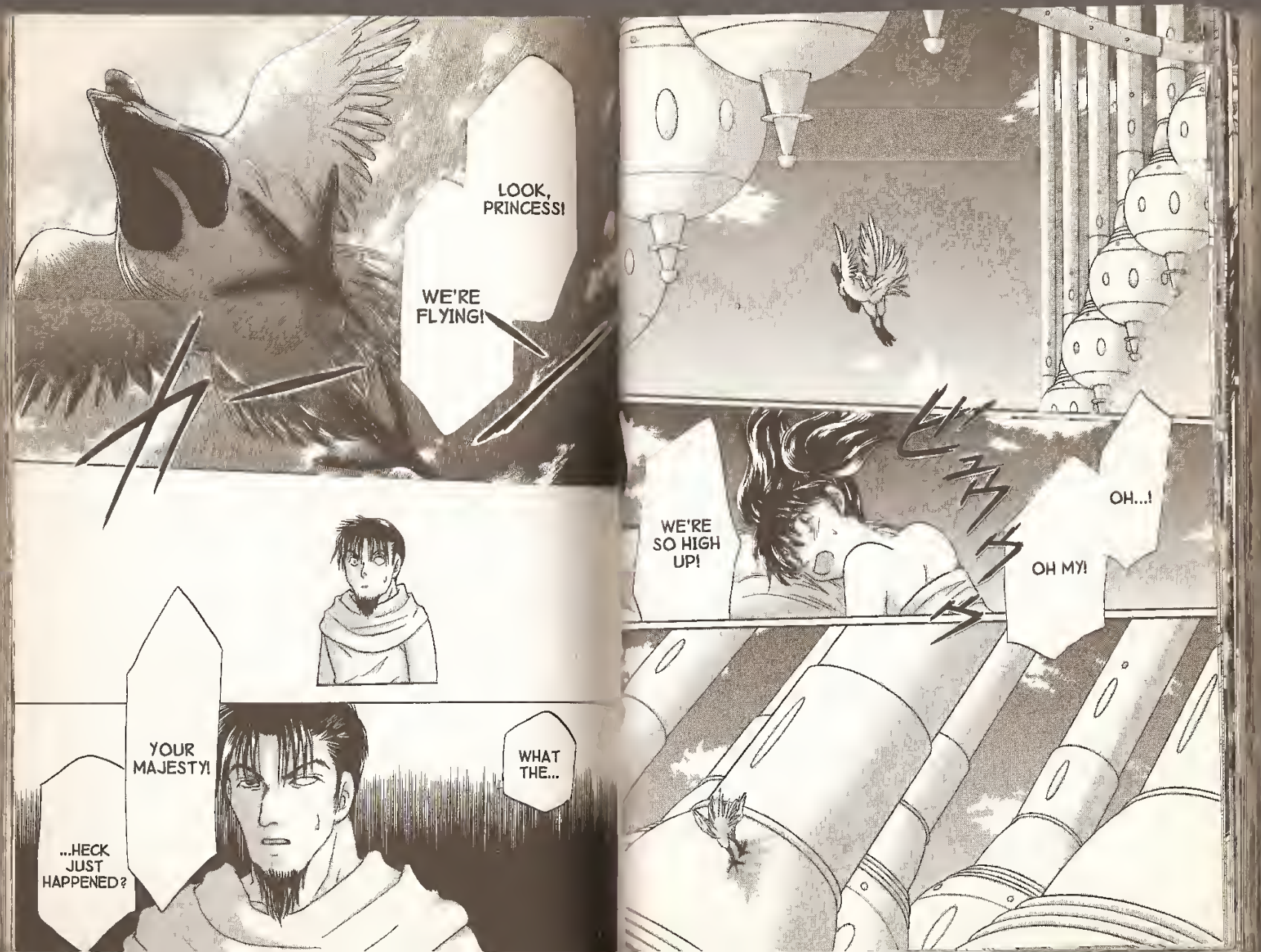
I TRUST SEEU-SAN. AND I BELIEVE IN HIM.
AND I KNOW IT'S NOT YOU.
YOU SIMPLE *CHILD!*
SHUT YOUR MOUTH!


AND I'LL CHOOSE THE ONE...
...MYSELF!

WH-
OH MY!
NO! IT CAN'T BE!
IT'S...?
WHAT IS THAT *THING*?!
WHAT THE--?!

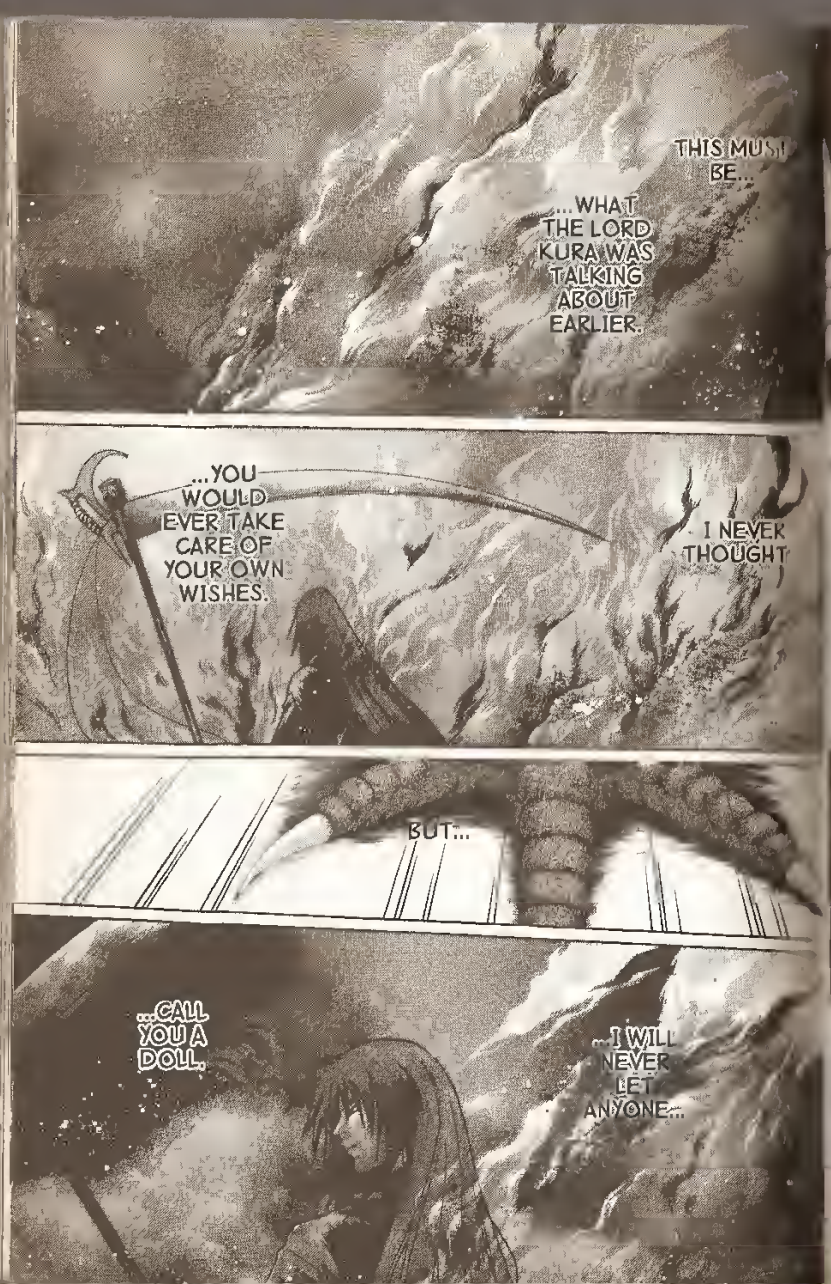
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, YOUNG LADY.
GAH!
THE BEAST SPEAKS?
SPEAKS?
WHAT SORT OF DOLL DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?!
WASEDA-SAN!
MY NAME IS TAKEYOSHI WASEDA!
AND WITHIN ME LIES A HUMAN FROM THE PLANET EDEN!

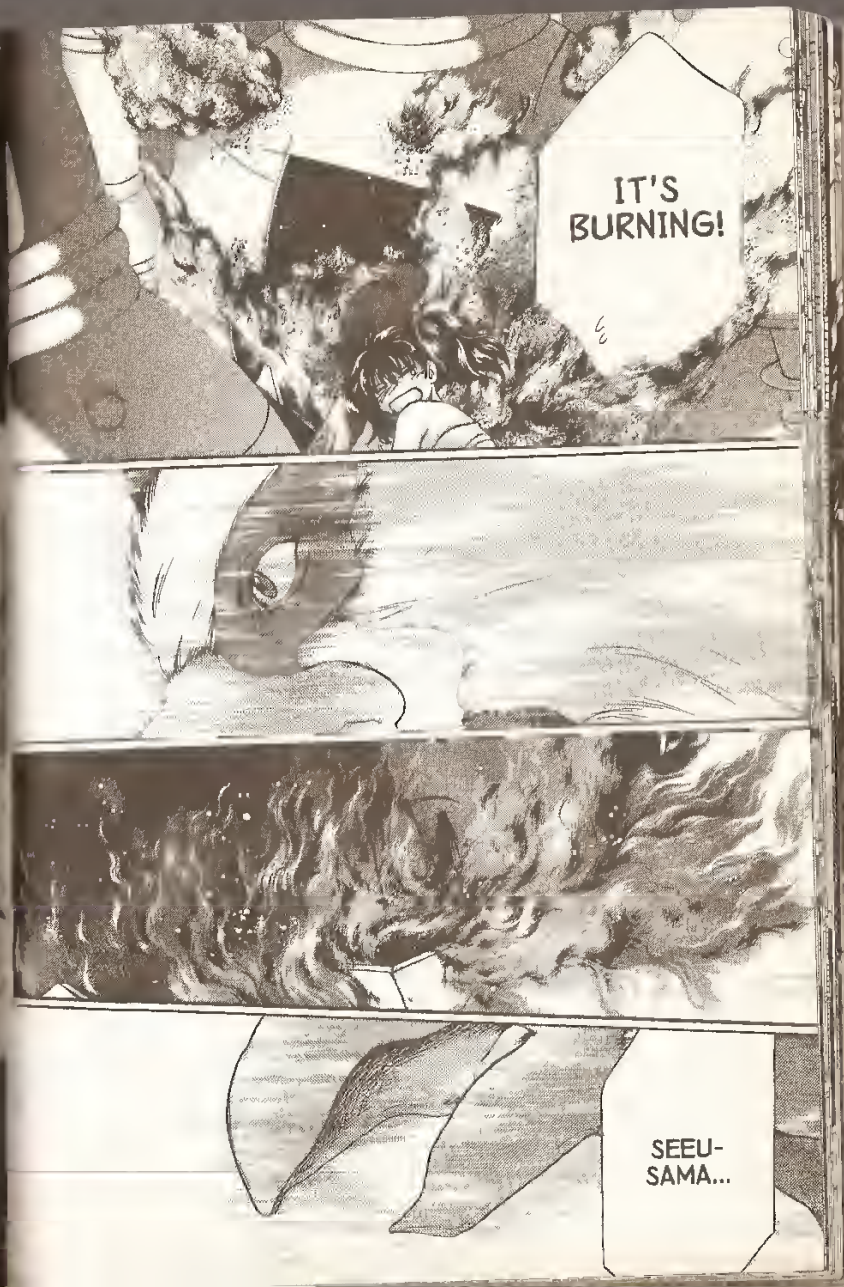

I BELIEVE THAT..
...FRAGMENTS OF THE LUNA...
...ARE WITHIN ME.
BRACE YOUR-SELF!
!!
I HEARD ALL THAT WAS SAID.
NOW LET US RETURN TO THE PRINCE.
STOP!
WAIT!
I SAID STOP!
BUT OF COURSE.
YOU KNOW WHERE SEEU-SAN IS?


LOOK, PRINCESS!
WE'RE FLYING!
WE'RE SO HIGH UP!
OH MY!
OH...!
WHAT THE...
YOUR MAJESTY!
...HECK JUST HAPPENED?

AND DON'T LET HER FALL OFF, NO MATTER WHAT!
FIRE ONCE THE TARGET HAS LANDED!
PREPARE THE INCAPACITATING WEAPON!
WERE YOU HIDING THERE THE WHOLE TIME?!
NO...
WASEDA SAN!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!
!!!
SHE ORDERED ME TO GET YOU BACK.
YES, SHE DID.
B-BAMBI-CHAN DID?
IT WAS BAMVIVIRIE...
...WHO TOLD ME YOU WERE IN THE CASTLE.
TAKE A LOOK AT THE OUTSIDE MONITORS!
TH-THE--
THE MONITOR!
KEEP IT DOWN, DAMIEN?!
TH-THERE'S A GIANT CHICKEN!
HOLD IT TOGETHER!
HOLD YOUR FIRE!
THE PRINCESS IS ON IT!
I HAVEN'T SEEN IT FOR A WHILE, SO THE SHOCK WAS--
WAIT A MINUTE!
I'VE SEEN THAT THING SOMEWHERE BEFORE!
We caught it on the Fourth World...

SHE HASN'T CHANGED A BIT, HAS SHE?
...THAT BAMBI-CHAN DID THAT?
IS IT OKAY..
HUH...?
I WONDER IF BAMBI'S THERE...
IT'S IN SIGHT NOW.
THE INSIDE OF THE CASTLE.
THE DEFENSE FORCES WERE KEEPING THEIR EYES ON THE MONITORS FROM INSIDE THE CASTLE BUT...
WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, SHE SHOWED UP AGAIN.
I WAS STAYING IN THE GARDENS ON THE LOWER PARTS OF THE CASTLE.
IT GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SLIP IN UNSEEN.
...THERE'S A DEVICE GIVEN TO UNDERCOVER AGENTS THAT I GOT A HOLD OF... I SUPPOSED YOU COULD CALL IT A STEALTH DEVICE.
MY GOODNESS.
I NEVER THOUGHT THINGS WOULD TURN OUT THE WAY THEY DID.
BUT THE OUTSIDE MONITORS ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT, THEY CAN PROBABLY SEE US NOW.


THIS MUST BE...
...WHAT THE LORD KURA WAS TALKING ABOUT EARLIER.
...YOU WOULD EVER TAKE CARE OF YOUR OWN WISHES.
I NEVER THOUGHT
BUT...
...CALL YOU A DOLL.
...I WILL NEVER LET ANYONE...

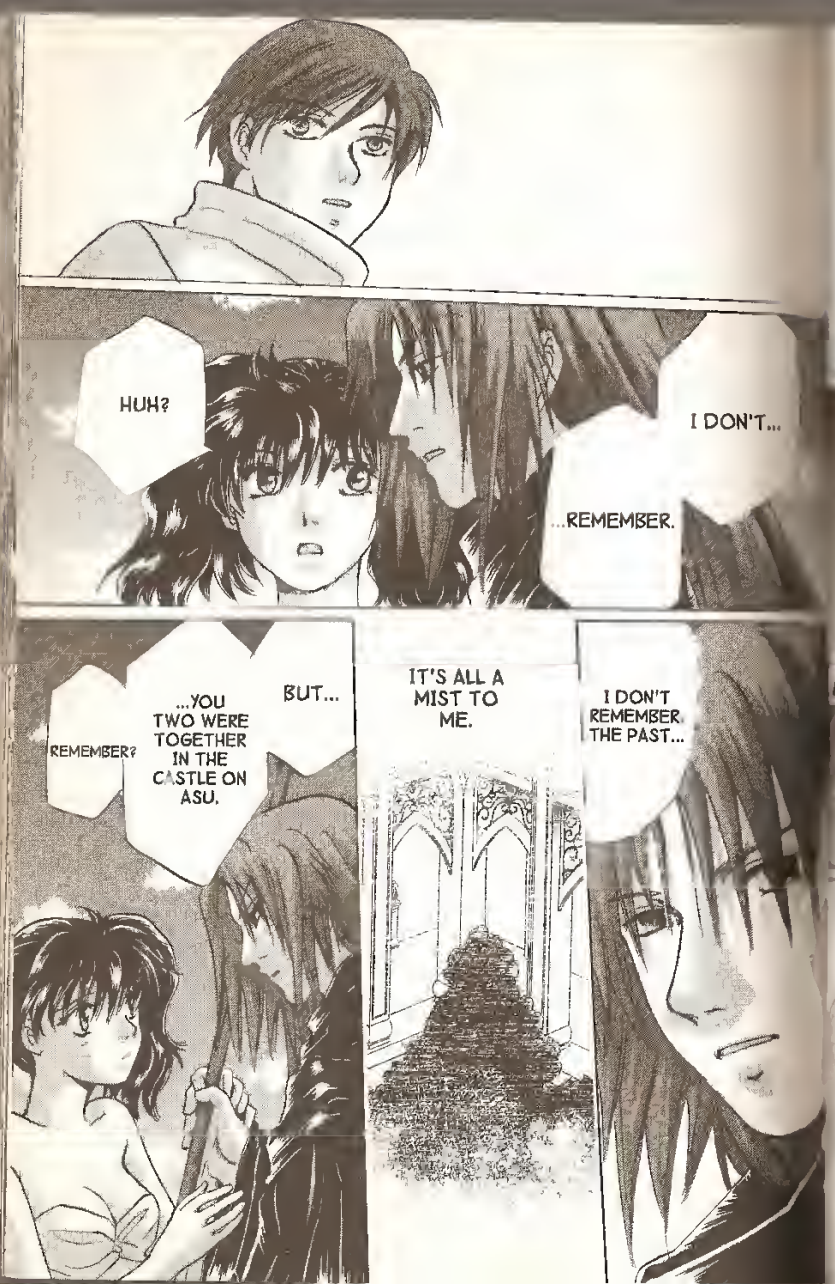

IT'S BURNING!
SEEU-SAMA...

GET ON!

SEEU-SAN!
…!!
OH!
HE IS STILL MY PRINCE!
FORGIVE ME, LADY BAMBI!

PLEASE ...
PLEASE DON'T FAINT NOW...
!!
GET OUT OF HERE!
THE DOME'S COLLAPSING!
KAGUYA!

ゴゴゴゴゴ
AN EXPLOSION!
BUT HOW?!
WE CAN'T GET A READING ON LADY BAMVIVIRIE!
AND THE CHICKEN IS...
HE'S THERE!
WITH THE MAD PRINCE... AND THE PRINCESS!


HUH?
I DON'T...
...REMEMBER.
REMEMBER?
...YOU TWO WERE TOGETHER IN THE CASTLE ON ASU.
BUT...
IT'S ALL A MIST TO ME.
I DON'T REMEMBER THE PAST...

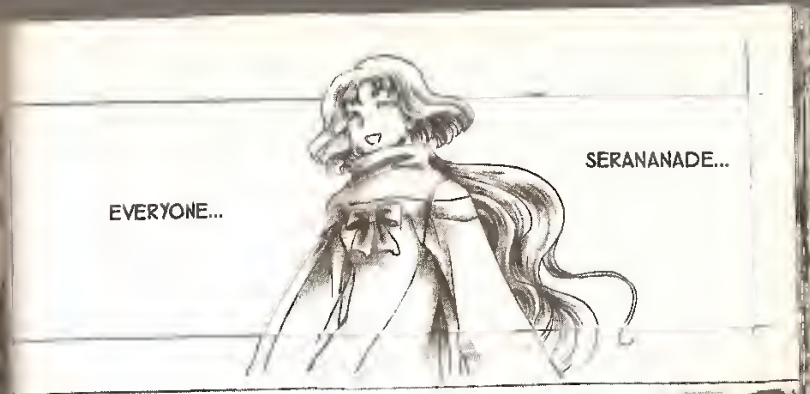
THANK YOU, SEEU-SAN.
WE'RE...
WE'RE SAFE NOW?
..TOUCHING ME.
HE'S...
DID YOU READ THE LETTER I WROTE ABOUT HIM?
YOU KNOW HIM, SEEU-SAN!
OH!
SEEU-SAN! THIS IS WASEDA-SAN!

...I'VE LIVED THROUGH ALL THESE LONG MONTHS AND YEARS.
THIS IS WHY...
YES, I UNDERSTAND.
...PRINCESS.
IT'S ALL RIGHT...
...A GENTLE VEIL.
...IF HE JUST FORGETS.
MAYBE IT'S BEST...

ABOUT HE PAST...
EVERYTHING...
IT'S ALL SHADOW.
DON'T WORRY, WASEDA-SAN!
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME!
HE CAN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN YOU COMPLETELY!
RIGHT! IT'LL JUST TAKE SOME TIME!
...A GENTLE VEIL.
BEYOND...

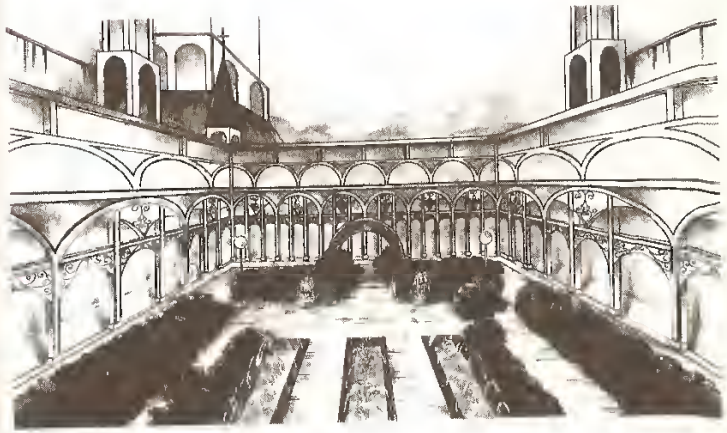
...A WARM AND KIND HAND...
FINALLY...

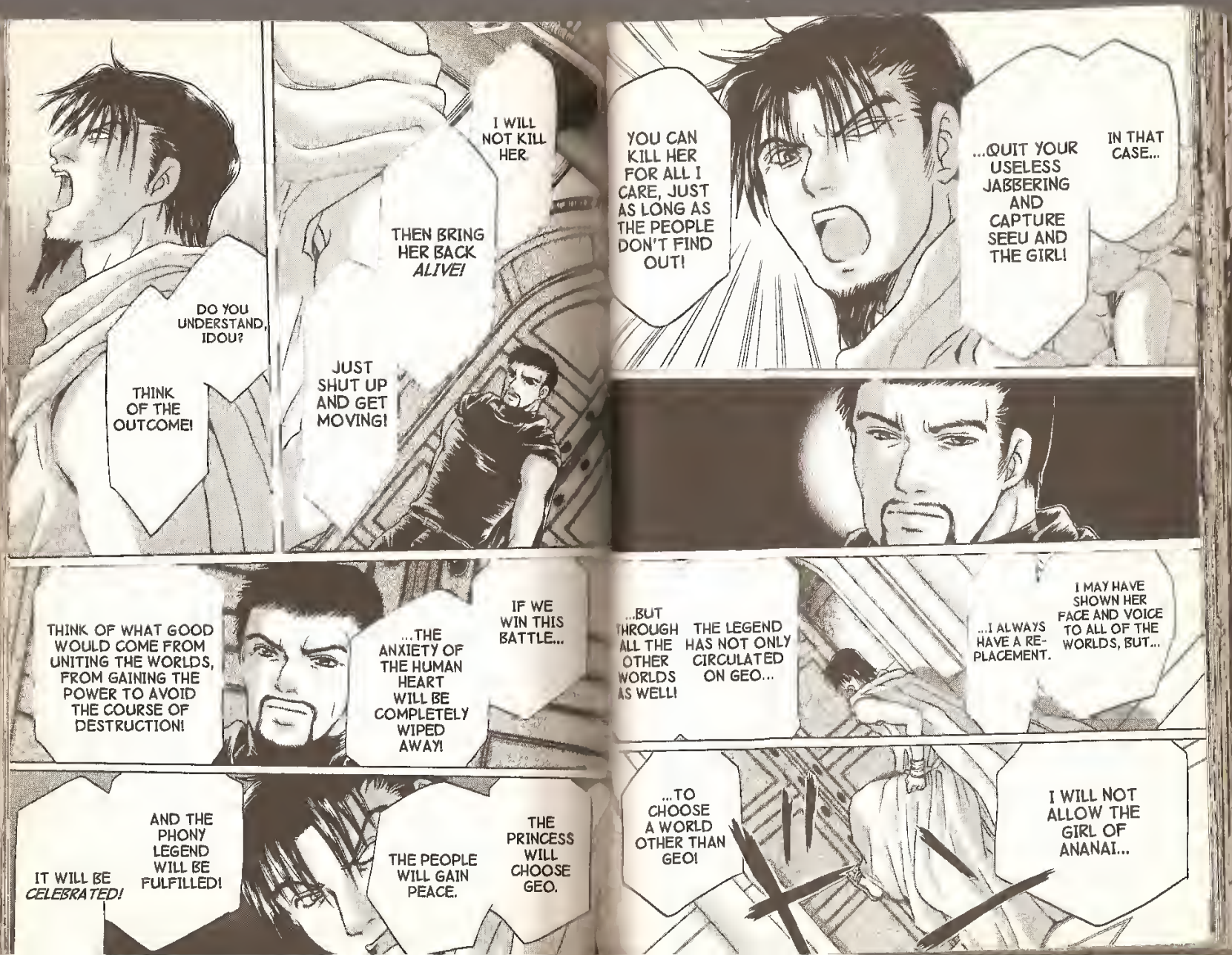
...THAT WE COULD NEVER TOUCH.
...HAS REACHED OUT TO THE ONE MAN...

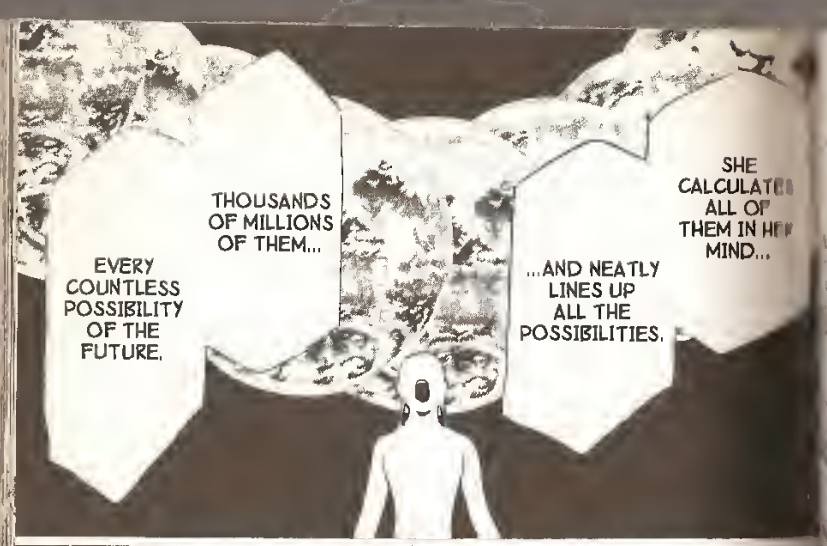

EVERYONE...
SERANANADE...

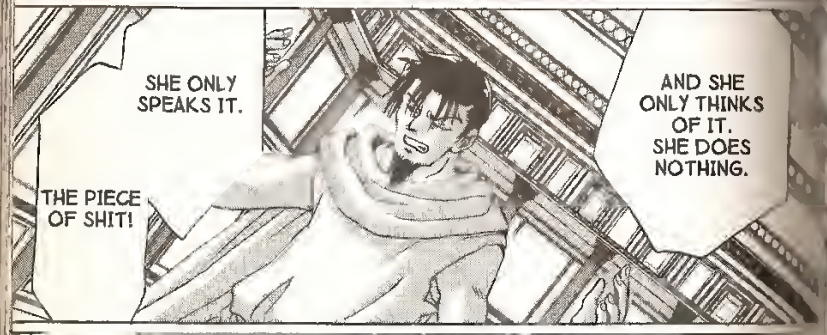
...OUR WISHES HAVE REACHED YOU.
AT LONG LAST...
DO YOU SEE?

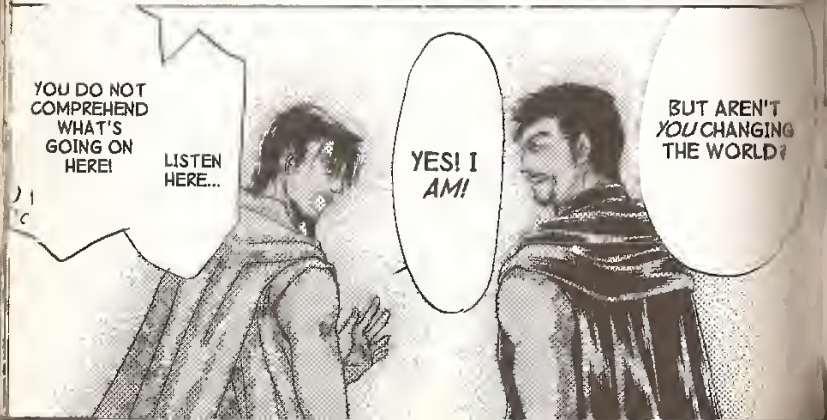
HMPH!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE SOMEONE HAS GIVEN ME A KICK LIKE THAT.
AND I HAD PLANNED ALL THOSE SWEET WAYS TO WOO THE YOUNG GIRL...
KURA...
WHAT IS IT, IDOU?
WHY ARE YOU STANDING AROUND?
EXCUSE ME? WHAT WAS *THAT?!*
LET'S DROP THE FORMALITIES, MY OLD FRIEND. HAVE YOU HEARD FROM MESHIE OR NOT?

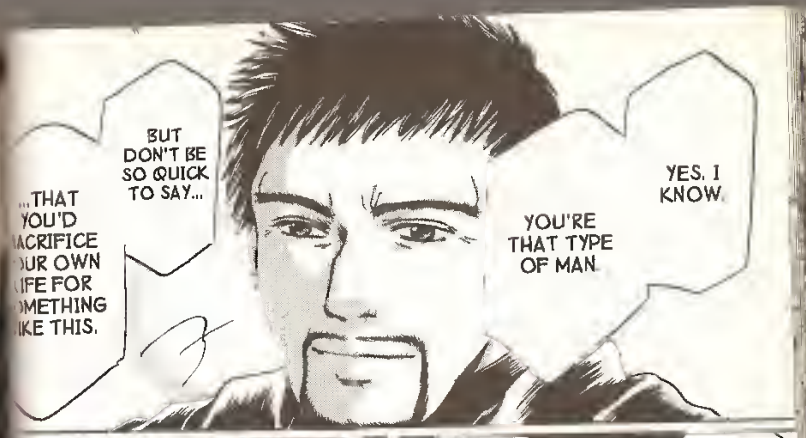



DO YOU UNDERSTAND, IDOU?
THINK OF THE OUTCOME!
I WILL NOT KILL HER.
THEN BRING HER BACK *ALIVE!*
JUST SHUT UP AND GET MOVING!
YOU CAN KILL HER FOR ALL I CARE, JUST AS LONG AS THE PEOPLE DON'T FIND OUT!
...QUIT YOUR USELESS JABBERING AND CAPTURE SEEU AND THE GIRL!
IN THAT CASE...
THINK OF WHAT GOOD WOULD COME FROM UNITING THE WORLDS, FROM GAINING THE POWER TO AVOID THE COURSE OF DESTRUCTION!
...THE ANXIETY OF THE HUMAN HEART WILL BE COMPLETELY WIPED AWAY!
IF WE WIN THIS BATTLE...
...BUT THROUGH ALL THE OTHER WORLDS AS WELL!
THE LEGEND HAS NOT ONLY CIRCULATED ON GEO...
...I ALWAYS HAVE A RE-PLACEMENT.
I MAY HAVE SHOWN HER FACE AND VOICE TO ALL OF THE WORLDS, BUT...
IT WILL BE *CELEBRATED!*
AND THE PHONY LEGEND WILL BE FULFILLED!
THE PEOPLE WILL GAIN PEACE.
THE PRINCESS WILL CHOOSE GEO.
...TO CHOOSE A WORLD OTHER THAN GEO!
I WILL NOT ALLOW THE GIRL OF ANANAI...

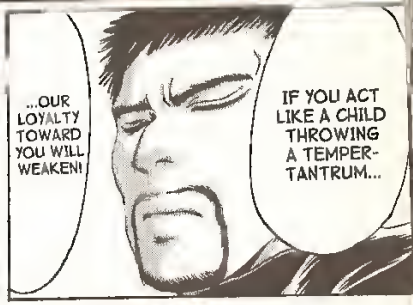

EVERY COUNTLESS POSSIBILITY OF THE FUTURE.
THOUSANDS OF MILLIONS OF THEM...
...AND NEATLY LINES UP ALL THE POSSIBILITIES.
SHE CALCULATES ALL OF THEM IN HER MIND...

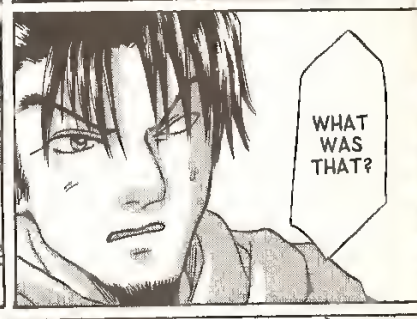

SHE ONLY SPEAKS IT.
THE PIECE OF SHIT!
AND SHE ONLY THINKS OF IT. SHE DOES NOTHING.

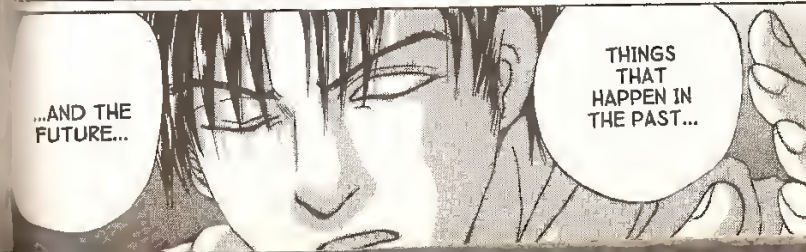

YOU DO NOT COMPREHEND WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!
LISTEN HERE...
YES! I AM!
BUT AREN'T YOU CHANGING THE WORLD?


...THAT YOU'D ACRIFICE UR OWN IFE FOR OMETHING IKE THIS.
BUT DON'T BE SO QUICK TO SAY...
YOU'RE THAT TYPE OF MAN.
YES. I KNOW.

DIDIUS ISN'T...
...A PROPHET, IS SHE?
NO, SHE'S NOT.

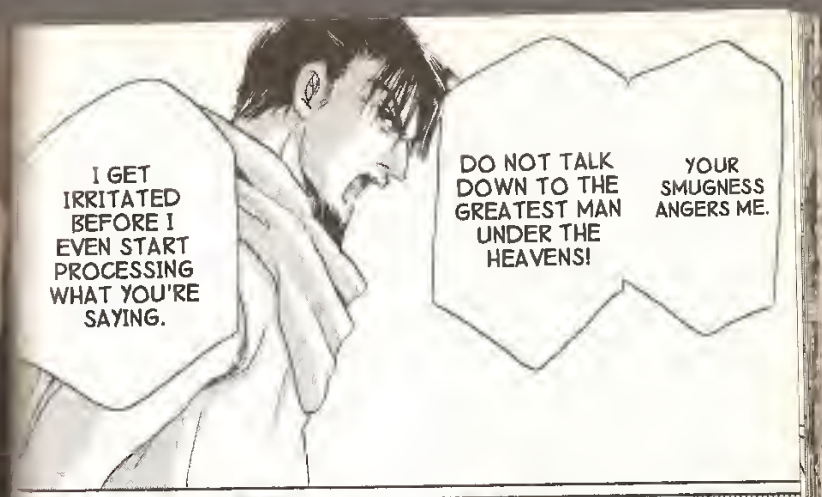

...OUR LOYALTY TOWARD YOU WILL WEAKEN!
IF YOU ACT LIKE A CHILD THROWING A TEMPER-TANTRUM...


WHAT WAS THAT?


...AND THE FUTURE...
THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN THE PAST...

YOU ALL BELONG TO ME!
YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE!
SO THEN, THE SIMPLETONS SHOULD SHUT UP AND FOLLOW THEIR MASTER!
HA!

YES...
BUT THAT MAN...
...HAS MADE ME ANGRY.
BAMVIVIRIE!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?


I GET IRRITATED BEFORE I EVEN START PROCESSING WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
DO NOT TALK DOWN TO THE GREATEST MAN UNDER THE HEAVENS!
YOUR SMUGNESS ANGERS ME.

I HAVE LIVED A LONG LIFE AS WELL.
I AM AWARE OF THAT.
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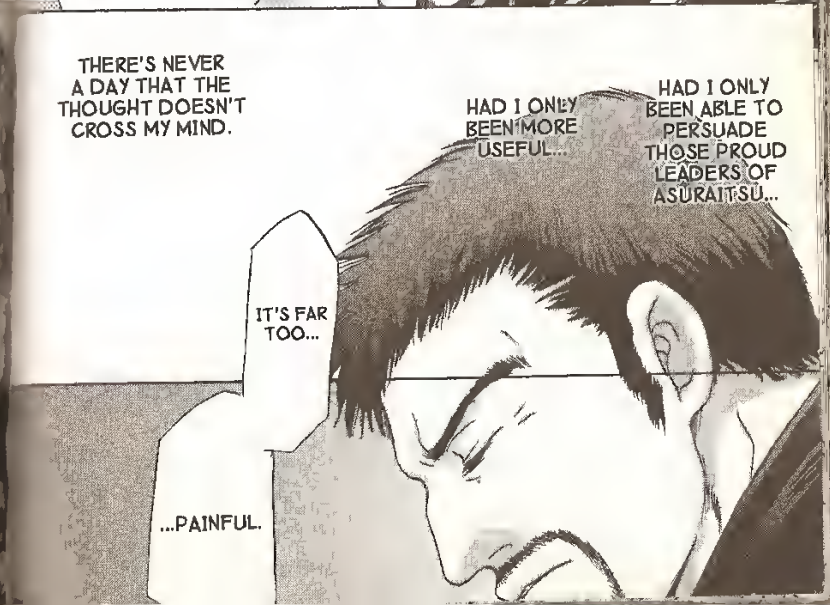
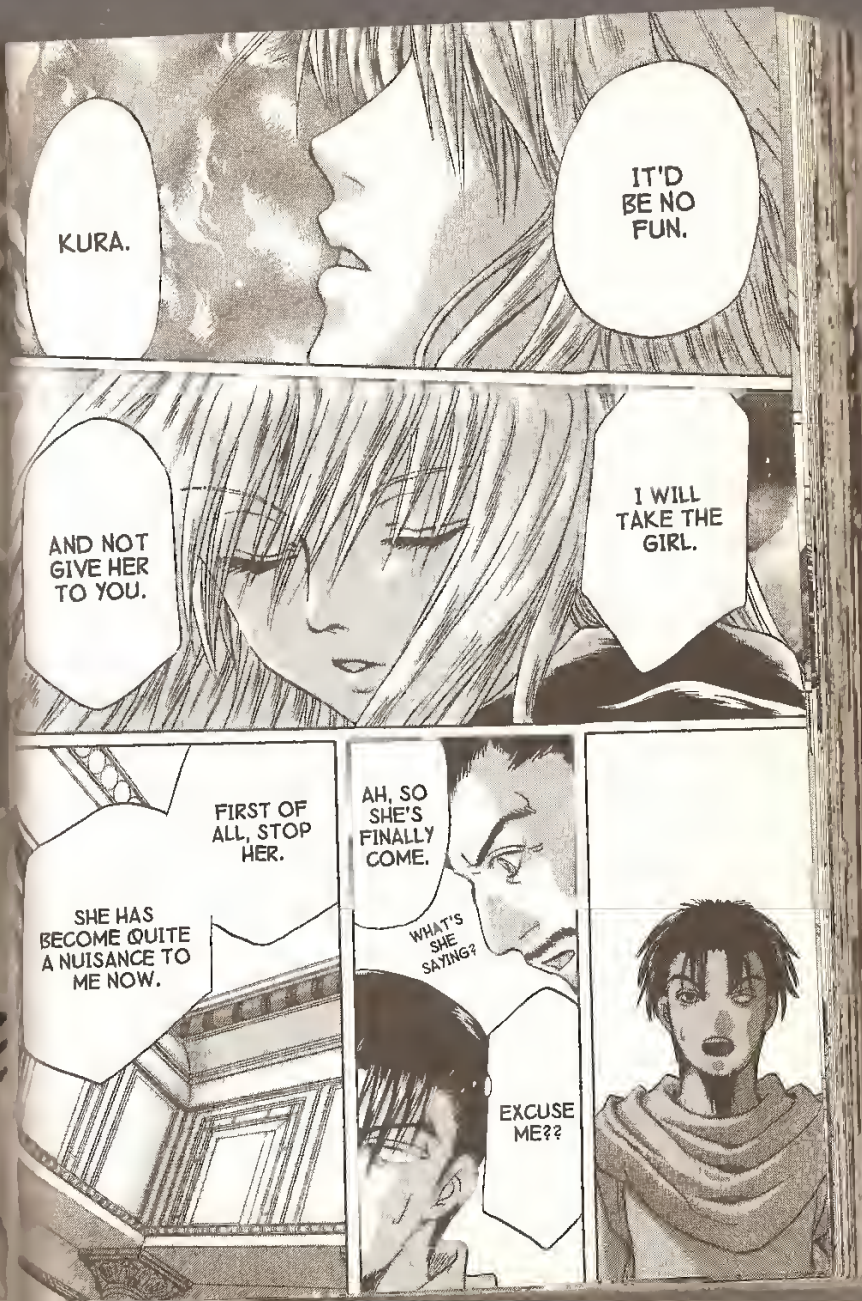
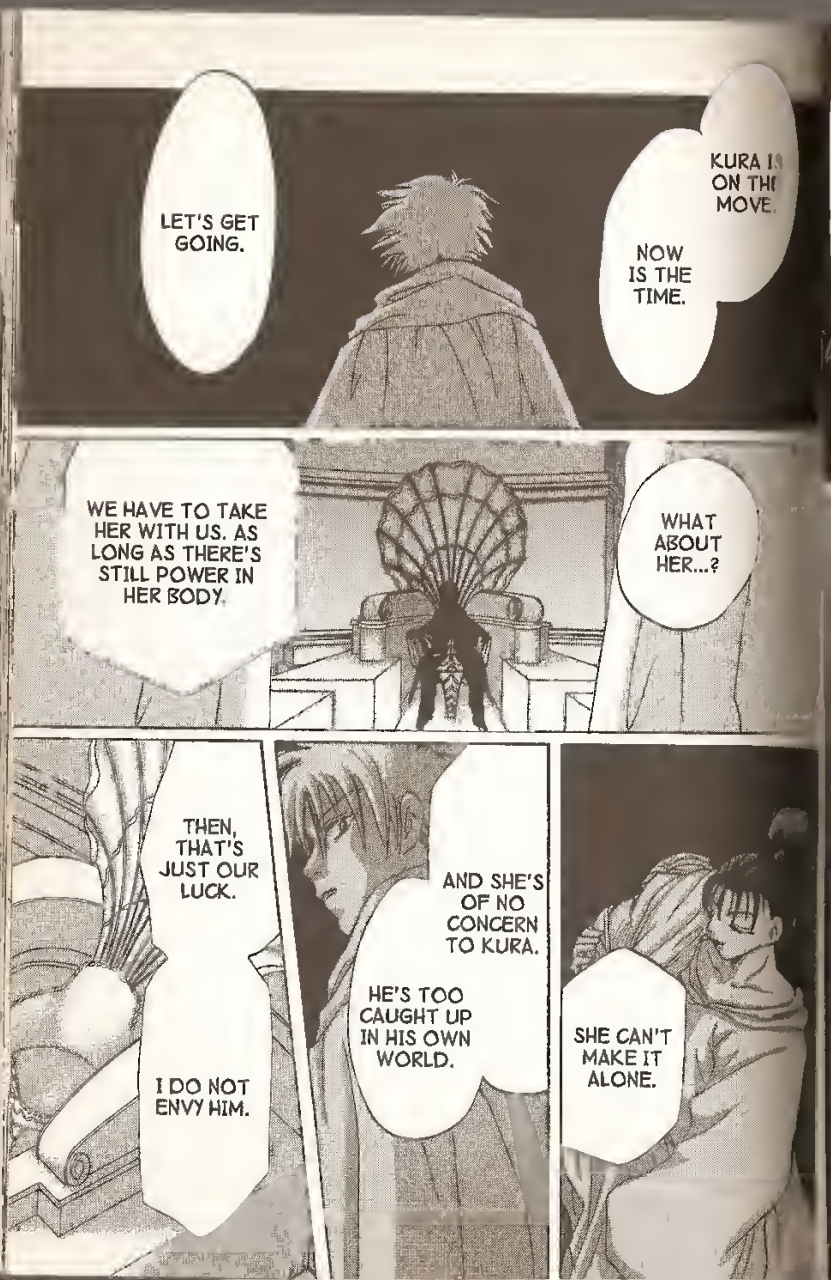

THERE'S NEVER A DAY THAT THE THOUGHT DOESN'T CROSS MY MIND.
HAD I ONLY BEEN MORE USEFUL...
HAD I ONLY BEEN ABLE TO PERSUADE THOSE PROUD LEADERS OF ASURAITSU...
IT'S FAR TOO...
...PAINFUL.

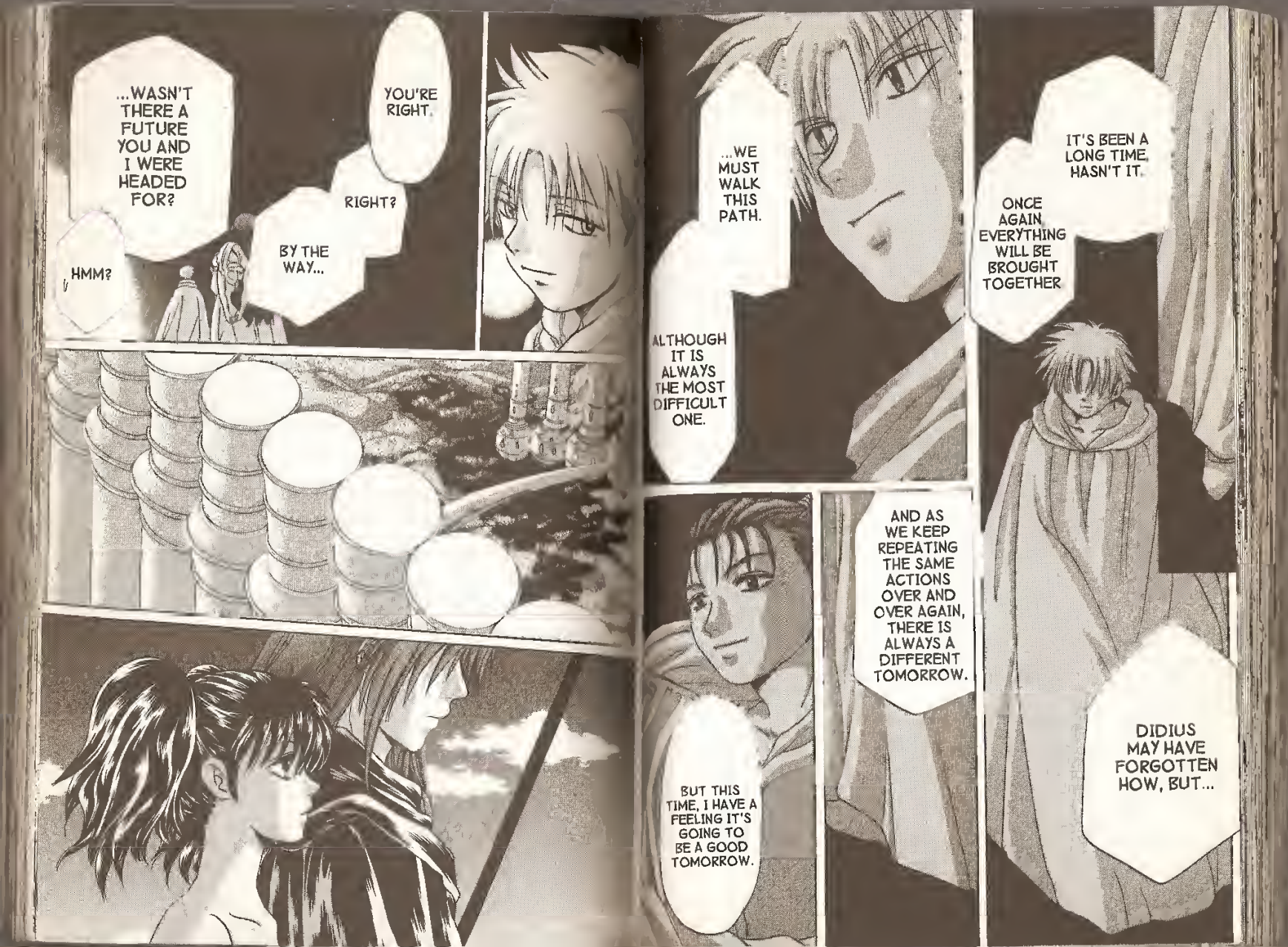
BAMBI-CHAAAAN!
I CAN SEE THEM
BUT WHY IS THAT?
JUST LAYING EYES ON HIM UPSETS ME.
AND THE GIRL TOO...
...HE HAS BEEN TRAINING FOR A HUNDRED YEARS!
BUT EVEN SO...
YOU ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE IN CONFINED SPACES.
SORT OF.
CAN YOU SEE HIM?
THE MAD PRINCE MAY NOT DIE, BUT...
...I CANNOT DO IT. I CANNOT RISK HITTING THE GIRL.
WHAT?!
DO NOT LET HIM USE THE COLLAPSER
EVEN A DIRECT HIT WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE. HE WON'T DIE EASILY.
.....
ARE YOU HURT?
DON'T SHOOT!
WE'RE OKAY!
BAMBI-CHAN!

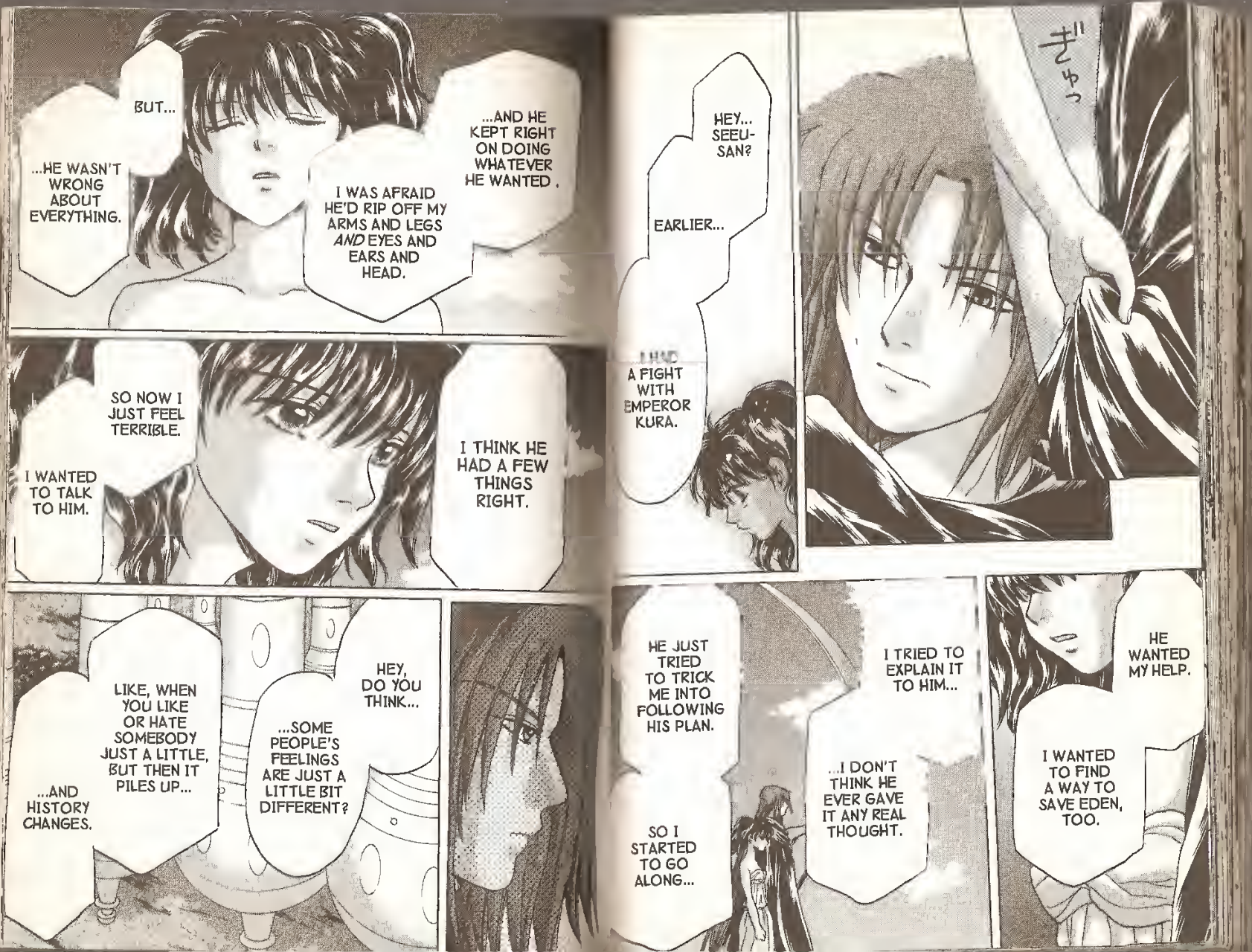
PLAYTIME'S OVER!
FOOLS! FOOLS!
I'M SURROUNDED BY IMBECILES!
IT'S CERTAINLY BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT?
!
THAT'S TRUE.
NOT A DAY OR NIGHT HAS PASSED...
...WHERE I HAVE NOT THOUGHT OF HER.


KURA.
IT'D BE NO FUN.
AND NOT GIVE HER TO YOU.
I WILL TAKE THE GIRL.
FIRST OF ALL, STOP HER.
SHE HAS BECOME QUITE A NUISANCE TO ME NOW.
AH, SO SHE'S FINALLY COME.
WHAT'S SHE SAYING?
EXCUSE ME??


LET'S GET GOING.
NOW IS THE TIME.
KURA IS ON THE MOVE.
WE HAVE TO TAKE HER WITH US. AS LONG AS THERE'S STILL POWER IN HER BODY.
WHAT ABOUT HER...?
THEN, THAT'S JUST OUR LUCK.
I DO NOT ENVY HIM.
AND SHE'S OF NO CONCERN TO KURA.
HE'S TOO CAUGHT UP IN HIS OWN WORLD.
SHE CAN'T MAKE IT ALONE.

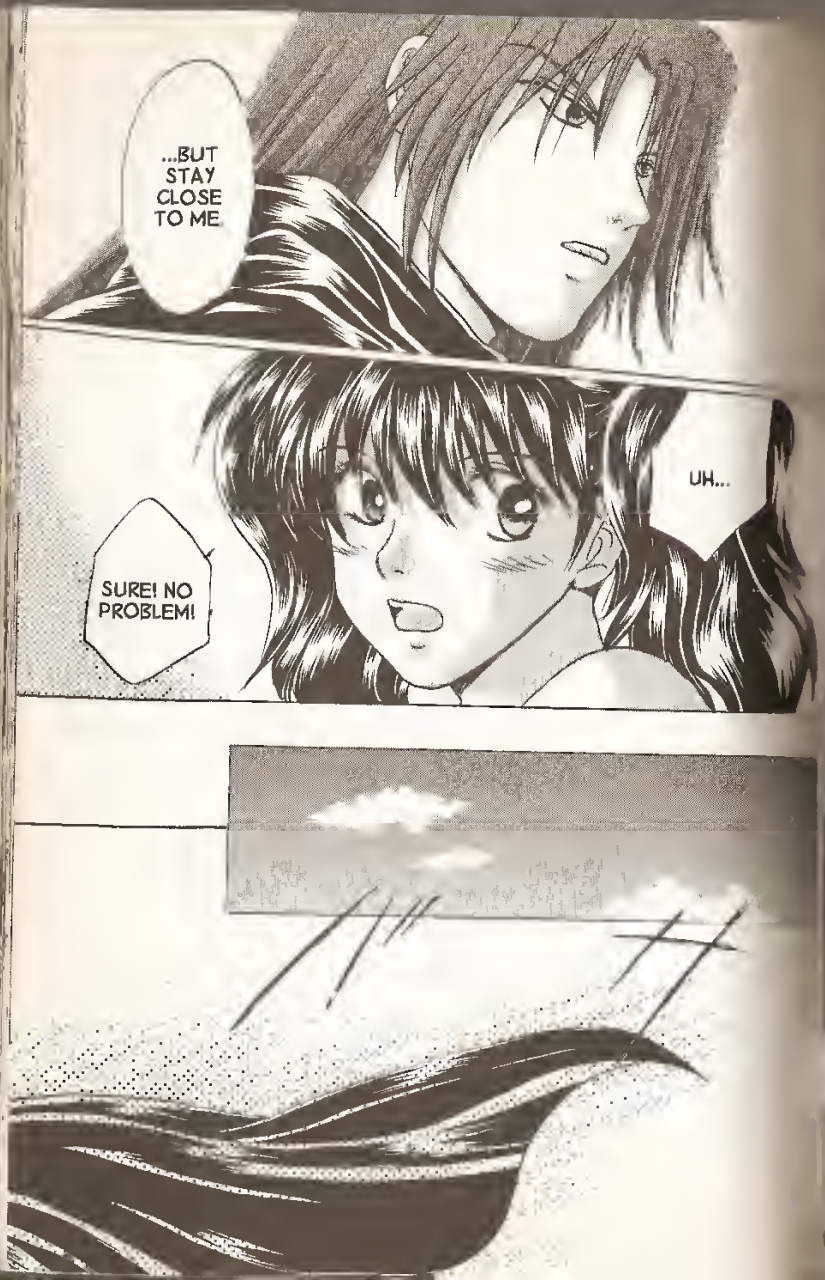
MY... GODDESS! NOX LIGHT!
COME TO ME, MY LOVER. MY QUEEN.
OPEN THE GATE!
AND BOW YOUR HEADS BEFORE ME!
IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THEM!


...WASN'T THERE A FUTURE YOU AND I WERE HEADED FOR?
YOU'RE RIGHT.
RIGHT?
BY THE WAY...
HMM?
...WE MUST WALK THIS PATH.
ALTHOUGH IT IS ALWAYS THE MOST DIFFICULT ONE.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, HASN'T IT.
ONCE AGAIN EVERYTHING WILL BE BROUGHT TOGETHER
AND AS WE KEEP REPEATING THE SAME ACTIONS OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THERE IS ALWAYS A DIFFERENT TOMORROW.
BUT THIS TIME, I HAVE A FEELING IT'S GOING TO BE A GOOD TOMORROW.
DIDIUS MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW, BUT...


BUT...
...HE WASN'T WRONG ABOUT EVERYTHING.
I WAS AFRAID HE'D RIP OFF MY ARMS AND LEGS *AND* EYES AND EARS AND HEAD.
...AND HE KEPT RIGHT ON DOING WHATEVER HE WANTED.
SO NOW I JUST FEEL TERRIBLE.
I WANTED TO TALK TO HIM.
I THINK HE HAD A FEW THINGS RIGHT.
LIKE, WHEN YOU LIKE OR HATE SOMEBODY JUST A LITTLE, BUT THEN IT PILES UP...
...AND HISTORY CHANGES.
HEY, DO YOU THINK...
...SOME PEOPLE'S FEELINGS ARE JUST A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT?
HEY... SEEU-SAN?
EARLIER...
I HAD A FIGHT WITH EMPEROR KURA.
HE JUST TRIED TO TRICK ME INTO FOLLOWING HIS PLAN.
SO I STARTED TO GO ALONG...
I TRIED TO EXPLAIN IT TO HIM...
...I DON'T THINK HE EVER GAVE IT ANY REAL THOUGHT.
HE WANTED MY HELP.
I WANTED TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE EDEN, TOO.

OH MAN! SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS ALL ALONG!
...LOVE CONF-ESSION.
M-M-M-MY FIRST ...
D- DID I JUST SAY THAT I LIKE HIM...?
OH MY GOD. I DID, DIDN'T I.
LIKE HIM...?
HE'S NOT EVEN PAYING ATTENTION!
...I'M FREAKING OUT!
PLUS...
YOU'RE RIGHT.

I USED TO THINK IT HAD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH MY LITTLE WORLD.
...ALL THE CHRONOLOGY TABLES I SAW IN MY BOOKS AT SCHOOL WERE MADE BY SOMEONE NOTHING LIKE ME.
I USED TO THINK THAT...
THERE IS NO ONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE A HEART.
HUMANS ARE THE ONES WHO MADE HISTORY.
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL.
SO THE FACT THAT I LIKE YOU MIGHT BE CHANGING THE WORLD IN SOME WAY.
I MEAN, THAT I LIKE YOU, SEEU-SAN.
UM--HEH. ERR...AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I THINK.

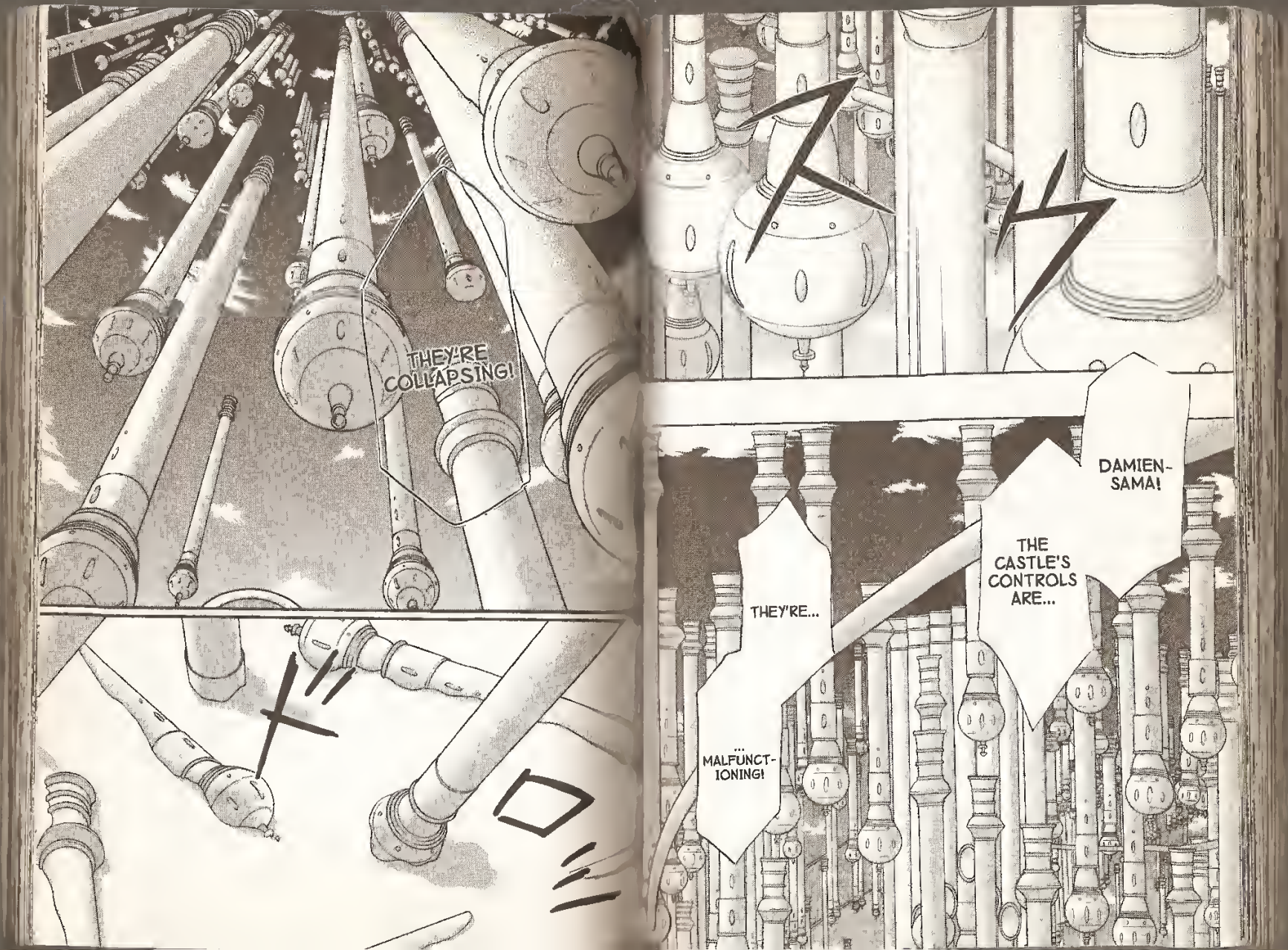

...BUT STAY CLOSE TO ME.
UH...
SURE! NO PROBLEM!

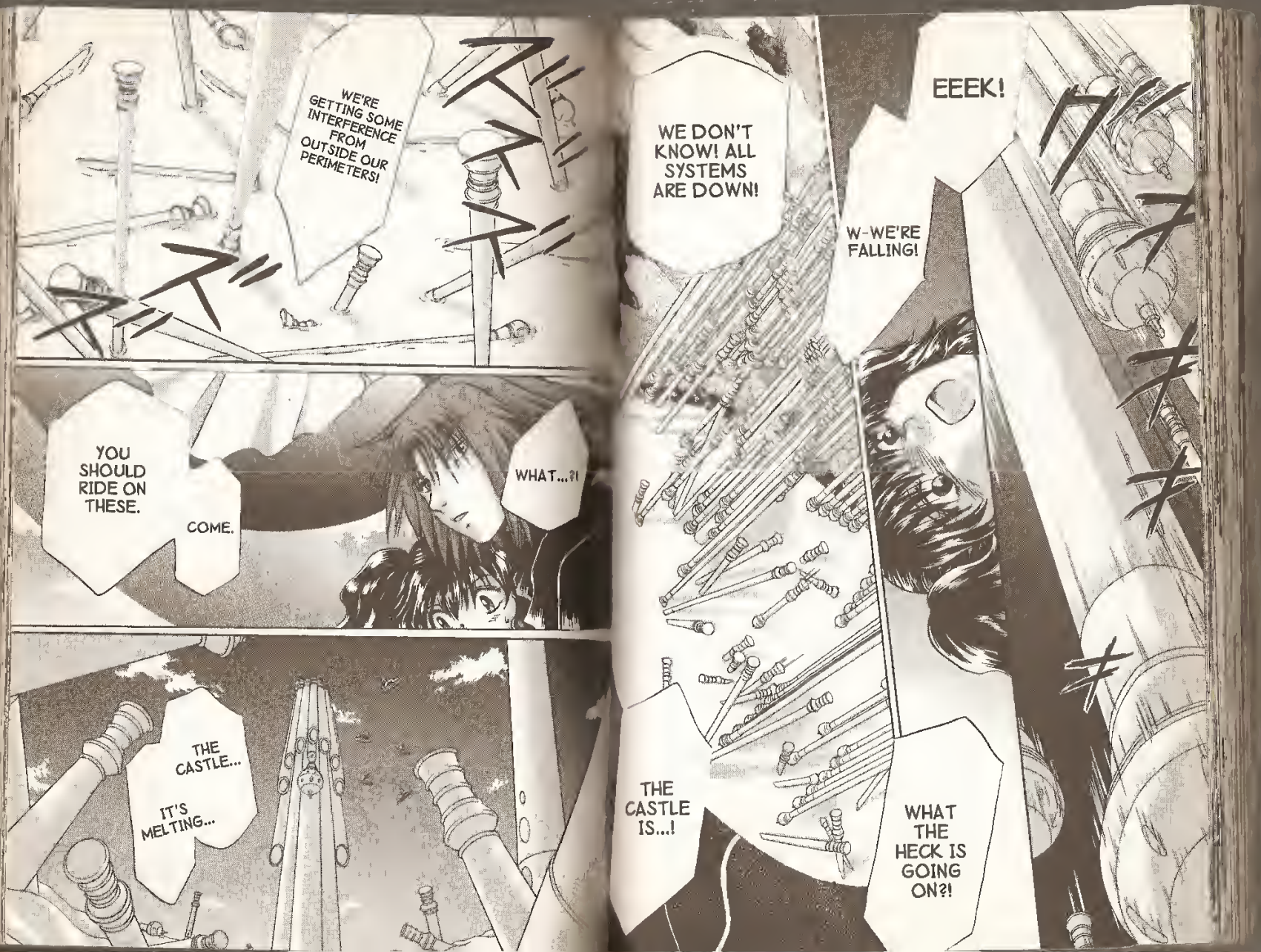
HE'S COMING BACK.
HE IS? HE WHO?
I'M NOT SURE...
...WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN...

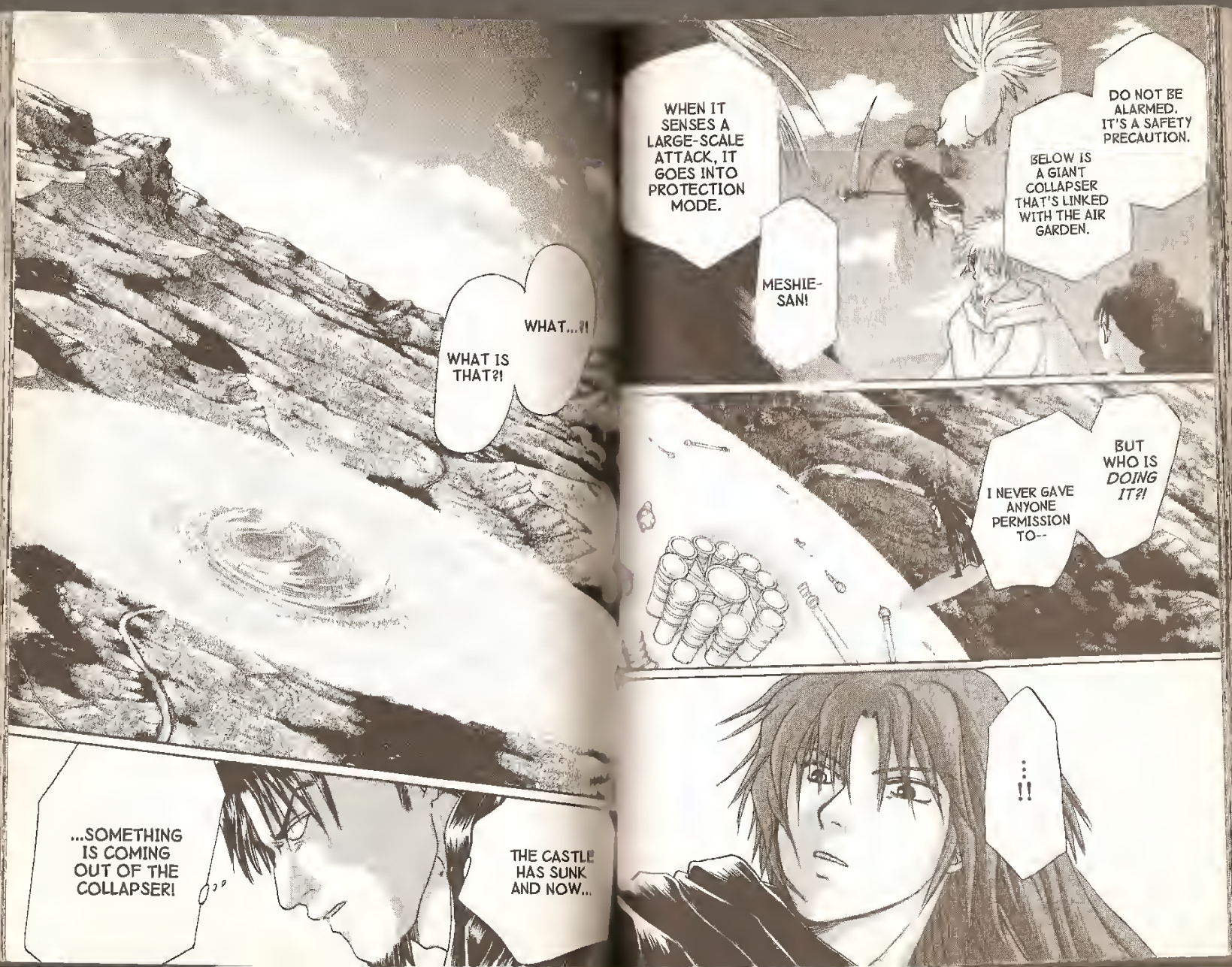
LONG TIME NO SEE, PRINCE FROM THE OLD WORLD.
I AM GREATLY HONORED TO SEE YOU!

SEEU IS HOLDING HANDS WITH SOMEONE...?
SEEU...?
AND NOW THAT WE'RE ALL TOGETHER AGAIN...
...LET'S MAKE THIS REUNION A HAPPY ONE.
!!
HE'S COMING.
HAVING A CUTE LITTLE CHARM LIKE HER CLINGING TO YOU, YOU MUST FEEL ON TOP OF THE WORLD.
HA! AND JUST WHO'S THE NEWEST PLAYBOY?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT IT MADE!

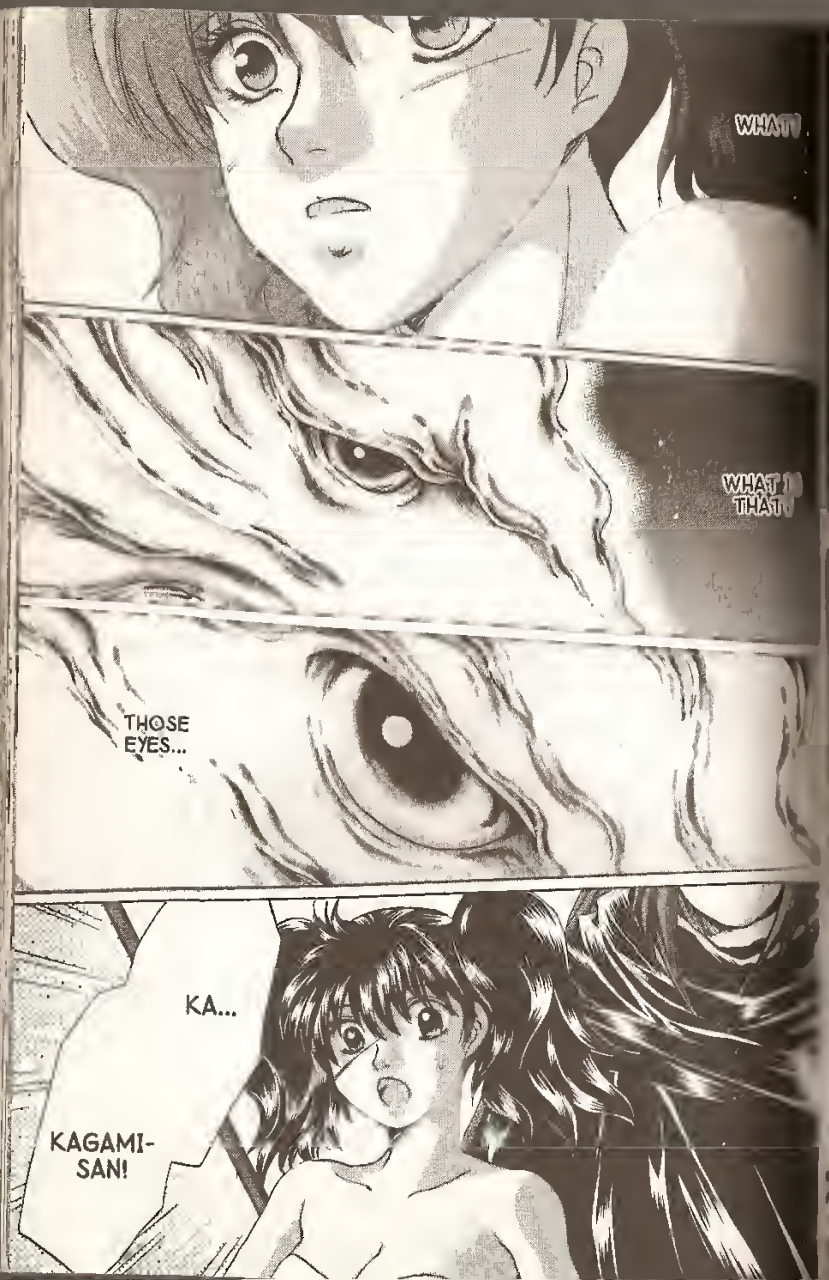
THIS IS...
HE IS COMING...
...FROM THE OCEAN OF ANCIENT.
HUH?
SOME-THING IS...
?!
IT'S TRUE.
OH...
WE'RE DETECTING ANOTHER READING...
DAMIEN-SAMA!


THEY'RE COLLAPSING!
DAMIEN-SAMA!
THE CASTLE'S CONTROLS ARE...
THEY'RE...
...MALFUNCT-IONING!

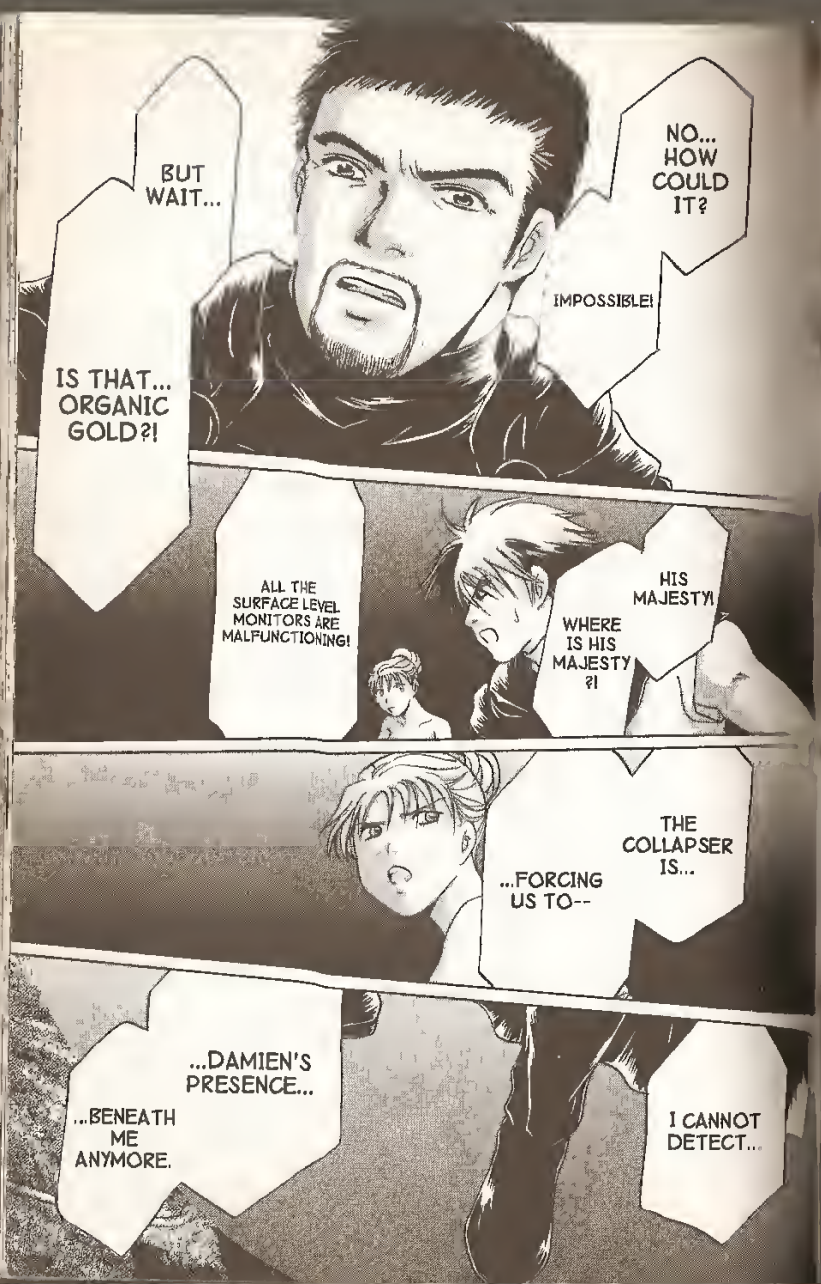

WE'RE GETTING SOME INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDE OUR PERIMETERS!
YOU SHOULD RIDE ON THESE.
COME.
WHAT...?!
THE CASTLE...
IT'S MELTING...
WE DON'T KNOW! ALL SYSTEMS ARE DOWN!
EEEK!
W-WE'RE FALLING!
THE CASTLE IS...!
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!


THE CASTLE HAS SUNK AND NOW...
...SOMETHING IS COMING OUT OF THE COLLAPSER!
WHAT IS THAT?!
WHAT...?!
WHEN IT SENSES A LARGE-SCALE ATTACK, IT GOES INTO PROTECTION MODE.
MESHIE-SAN!
DO NOT BE ALARMED. IT'S A SAFETY PRECAUTION.
BELOW IS A GIANT COLLAPSER THAT'S LINKED WITH THE AIR GARDEN.
I NEVER GAVE ANYONE PERMISSION TO--
BUT WHO IS *DOING IT?!*
!!

?!
THE OCEAN...
WHAT IS THIS?
I CAN SEE THE OCEAN.
A DRAGON ?!
IT'S...A DRAGON.


WHAT?
WHAT IS THAT...
THOSE EYES...
KA...
KAGAMI-SAN!

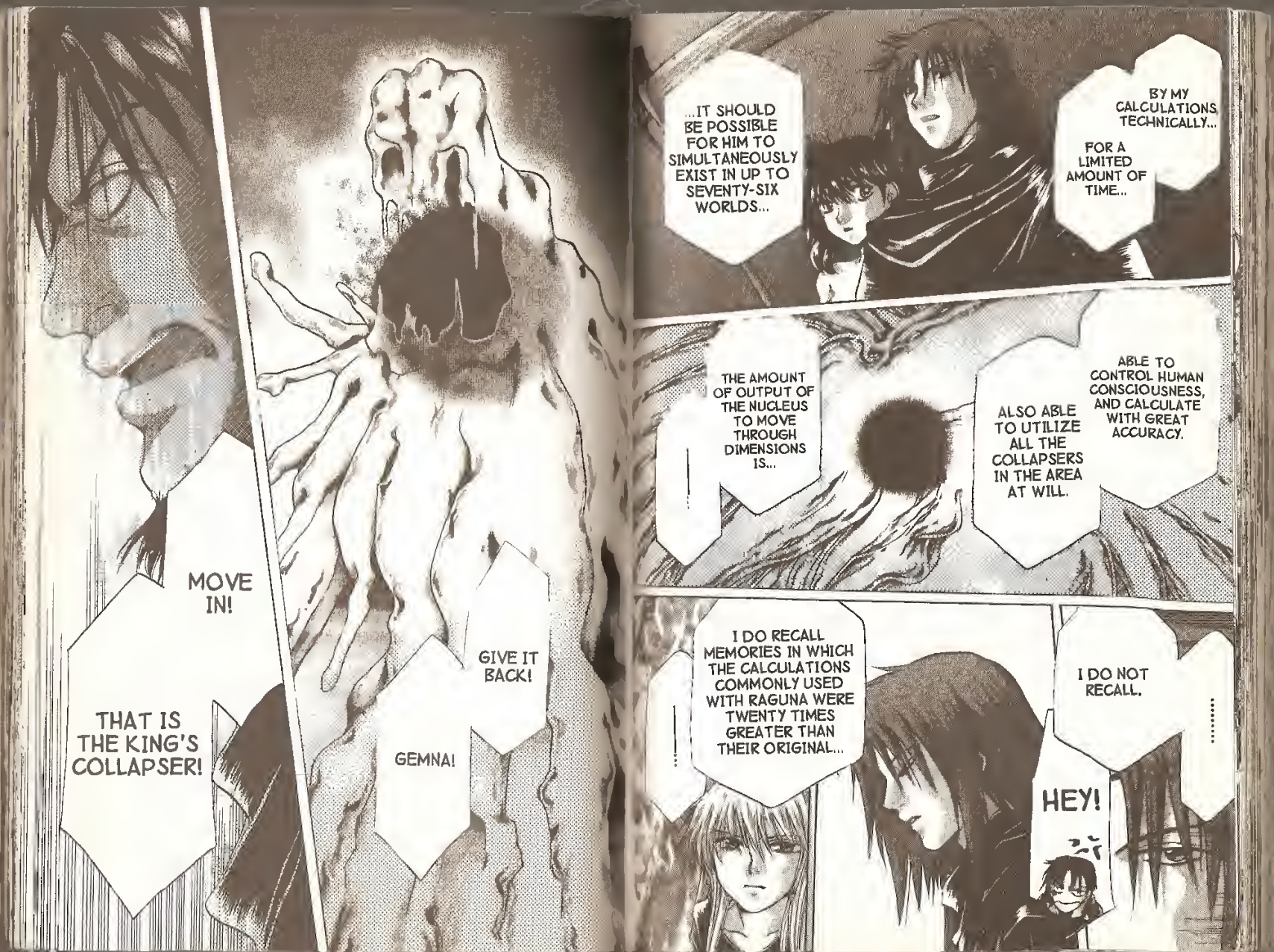
IT'S A GOLDEN...
...DRAGON!


BUT WAIT...
NO... HOW COULD IT?
IMPOSSIBLE!
IS THAT... ORGANIC GOLD?!
ALL THE SURFACE LEVEL MONITORS ARE MALFUNCTIONING!
WHERE IS HIS MAJESTY ?!
HIS MAJESTY!
THE COLLAPSER IS...
...FORCING US TO--
...DAMIEN'S PRESENCE...
...BENEATH ME ANYMORE.
I CANNOT DETECT...

KAGAMI-SAN, IS THAT *YOU*?!
!
IT CAN'T BE...

HOW DARE YOU...!
YOU MONSTER!!

IT'S FLIPPING IN AND OUT OF SIGHT SO QUICKLY!
LOOK CLOSELY!
THAT DRAGON IS--
WHAT?! THE COLLAPSER?!
I HAVE A VERY STRANGE FEELING.
IT'S FLIPPING IN AND OUT OF EXISTENCE!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT THING IS--
THE COLLAPSER!
N-NOW WAIT JUST A MINUTE! THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE!
ATTACK IS POINTLESS!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND--
HE WILL ONLY TURN YOUR ATTACKS ON THE OTHER WORLDS.
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A FREAK! YOUR OPINION IS INCONSEQUENTIAL!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU KNOW?!
WHAT?!
...THE COLLAPSER IS STILL OPERATING?
COULD IT BE THAT...
IT'S SWITCHING ON AND OFF
OTHER WORLDS?


MOVE IN!
THAT IS THE KING'S COLLAPSER!
GEMNA!
GIVE IT BACK!
...IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO SIMULTANEOUSLY EXIST IN UP TO SEVENTY-SIX WORLDS...
BY MY CALCULATIONS, TECHNICALLY...
FOR A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME...
THE AMOUNT OF OUTPUT OF THE NUCLEUS TO MOVE THROUGH DIMENSIONS IS...
ALSO ABLE TO UTILIZE ALL THE COLLAPSERS IN THE AREA AT WILL.
ABLE TO CONTROL HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS, AND CALCULATE WITH GREAT ACCURACY.
I DO RECALL MEMORIES IN WHICH THE CALCULATIONS COMMONLY USED WITH RAGUNA WERE TWENTY TIMES GREATER THAN THEIR ORIGINAL...
I DO NOT RECALL.
HEY!

THEY'RE GONE...
THEY'RE...
SEEU-SAMA...

!!
WHAT THE--?
SEEU-SAMA!

IS THAT... TELENE?
WHAT? WHY? IT'S NO CONCERN OF HIS.
PERHAPS HE HEARD YOUR WISH TO VISIT IT.
I DO NOT CARE ABOUT THIS PLACE.

DAMN YOU, SEEU!
HOW DARE YOU TRANSPORT US WITHOUT OUR CONSENT!
!!
KAGAMI KNOWS...
...WHERE IT IS WE MUST GO.
IT WASN'T SEEU...
!

I'M FINE.
I'VE ALREADY SAID MY GOOD-
BYES.
CAN THEY SEE US?
AT THE MOMENT, WE'RE UTILIZING THE REFRACTION OF LIGHT...
...TO HIDE OURSELVES. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE US WITH THE NAKED EYE.

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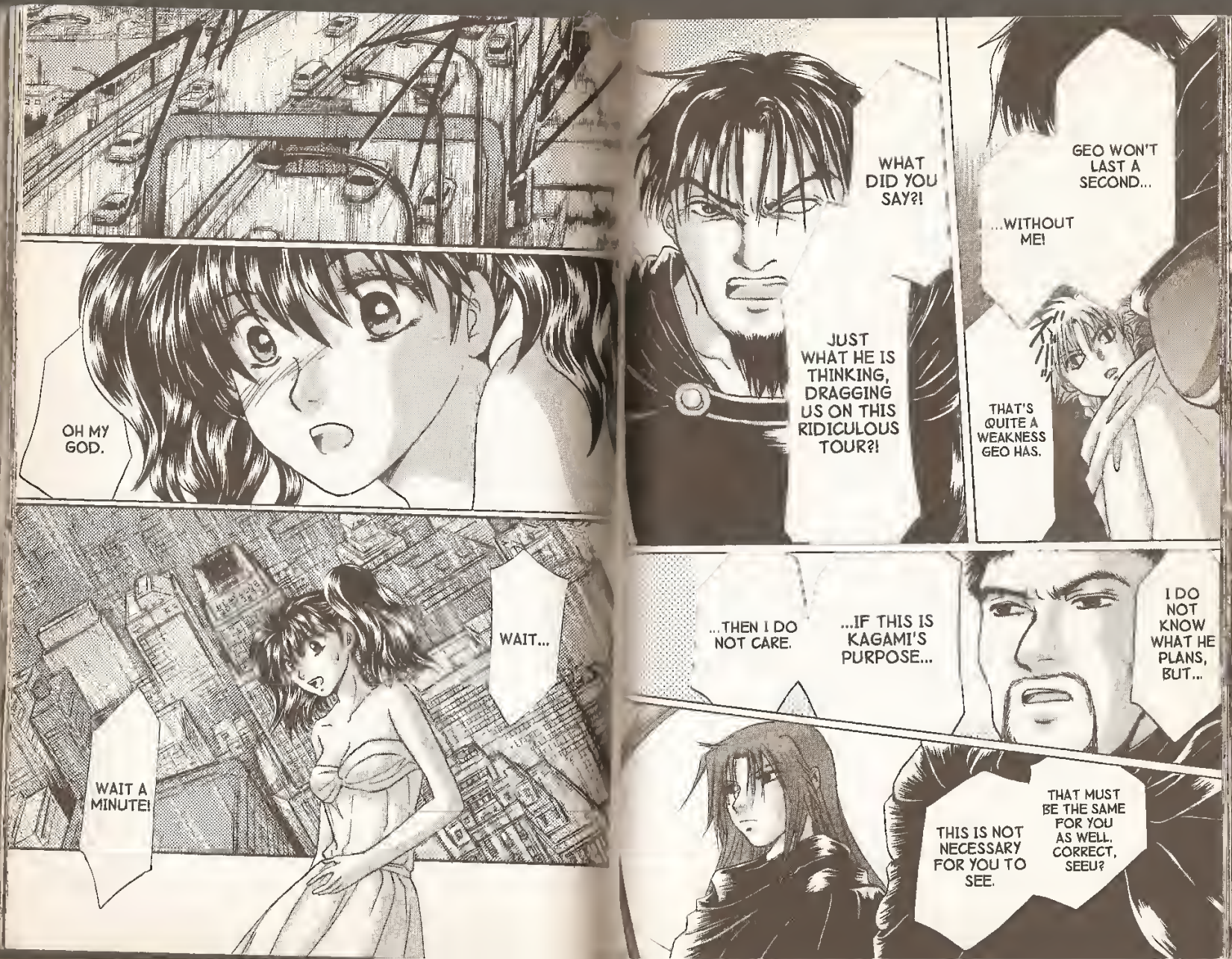
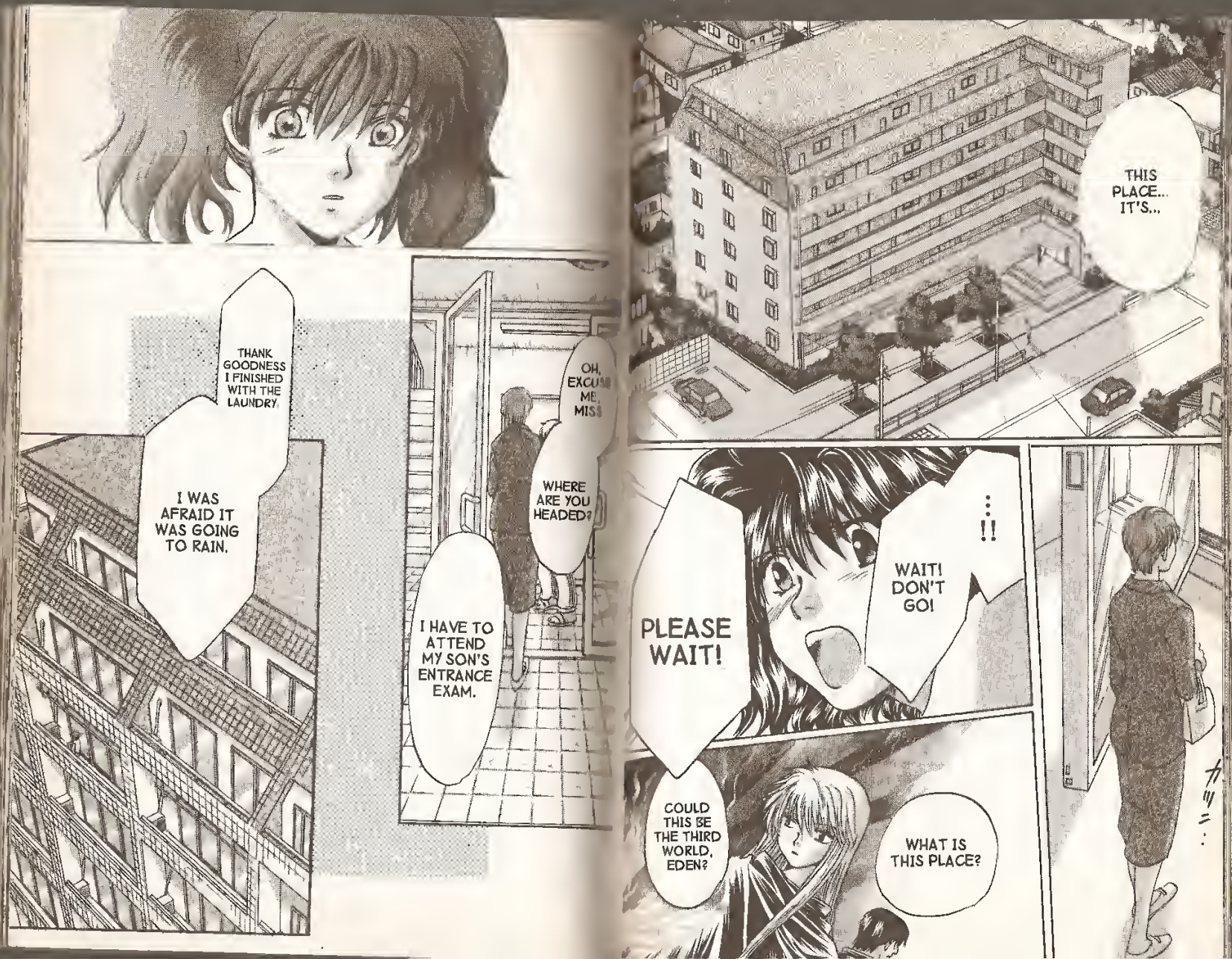
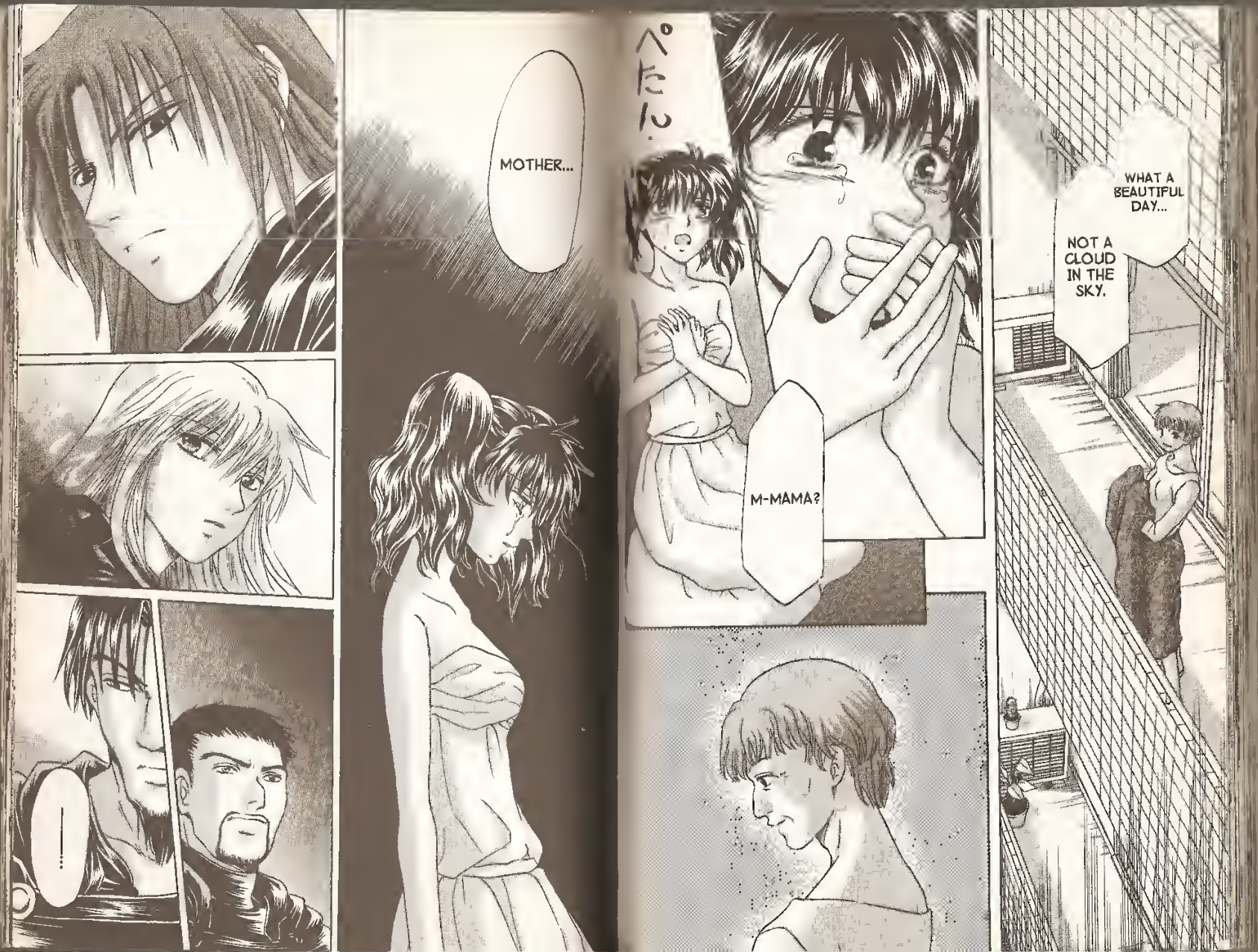
IS IT AN EARTH-QUAKE?
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WH-WHAT?!

FIND HIS MAJESTY AT ONCE!
OH!
WE'RE GETTING READINGS OF SOME KIND OF... REACTION.
WHAT ARE OUR CURRENT COOR-DINATES?
KAGAMI! YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE ABDUCTION OF THE EMPEROR!
HEY!
NOW YOU SEE HERE!

AH!
THIS PLACE IS...


OH MY GOD.
WAIT A MINUTE!
WAIT...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
JUST WHAT HE IS THINKING, DRAGGING US ON THIS RIDICULOUS TOUR?!
GEO WON'T LAST A SECOND...
...WITHOUT ME!
THAT'S QUITE A WEAKNESS GEO HAS.
...THEN I DO NOT CARE.
...IF THIS IS KAGAMI'S PURPOSE...
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT HE PLANS, BUT...
THIS IS NOT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO SEE.
THAT MUST BE THE SAME FOR YOU AS WELL, CORRECT, SEEU?


THANK GOODNESS I FINISHED WITH THE LAUNDRY.
I WAS AFRAID IT WAS GOING TO RAIN.
OH, EXCUSE ME, MISS
WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?
I HAVE TO ATTEND MY SON'S ENTRANCE EXAM.
THIS PLACE... IT'S...
PLEASE WAIT!
WAIT! DON'T GO!
...!!
COULD THIS BE THE THIRD WORLD, EDEN?
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?


WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY...
NOT A CLOUD IN THE SKY.
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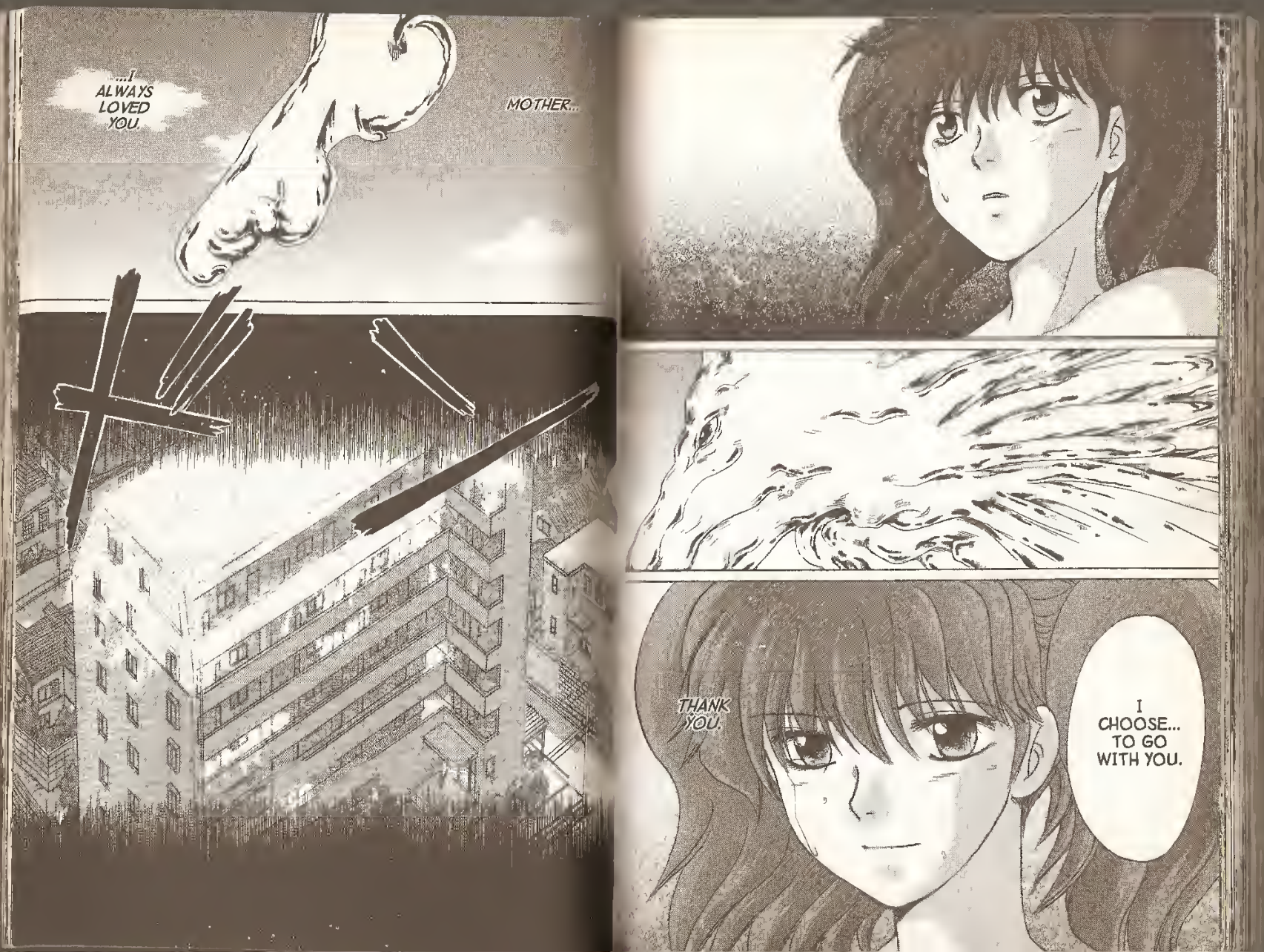
M-MAMA?
MOTHER...
!

WELL, SHE'S HAD ONE...
...INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE.
!
SO?
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
DO WE EVEN NEED THIS GIRL ANYMORE?
LET'S JUST DROP HER OFF HERE!
HEY!
...!!
WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN.
WE HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR HER.
YOU MAY BE RIGHT.
WE HAVE THE MASTERS OF THE LIVING WEAPONS. THE THREE SAGES.
GEMNA HAS ASSEMBLED AN INCREDIBLE GROUP, BUT THIS GIRL IS JUST A NORMAL GIRL.


...I ALWAYS LOVED YOU.
MOTHER...
THANK YOU.
I CHOOSE... TO GO WITH YOU.

PERHAPS WE ARE...
...WHERE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE
NOW WHAT?
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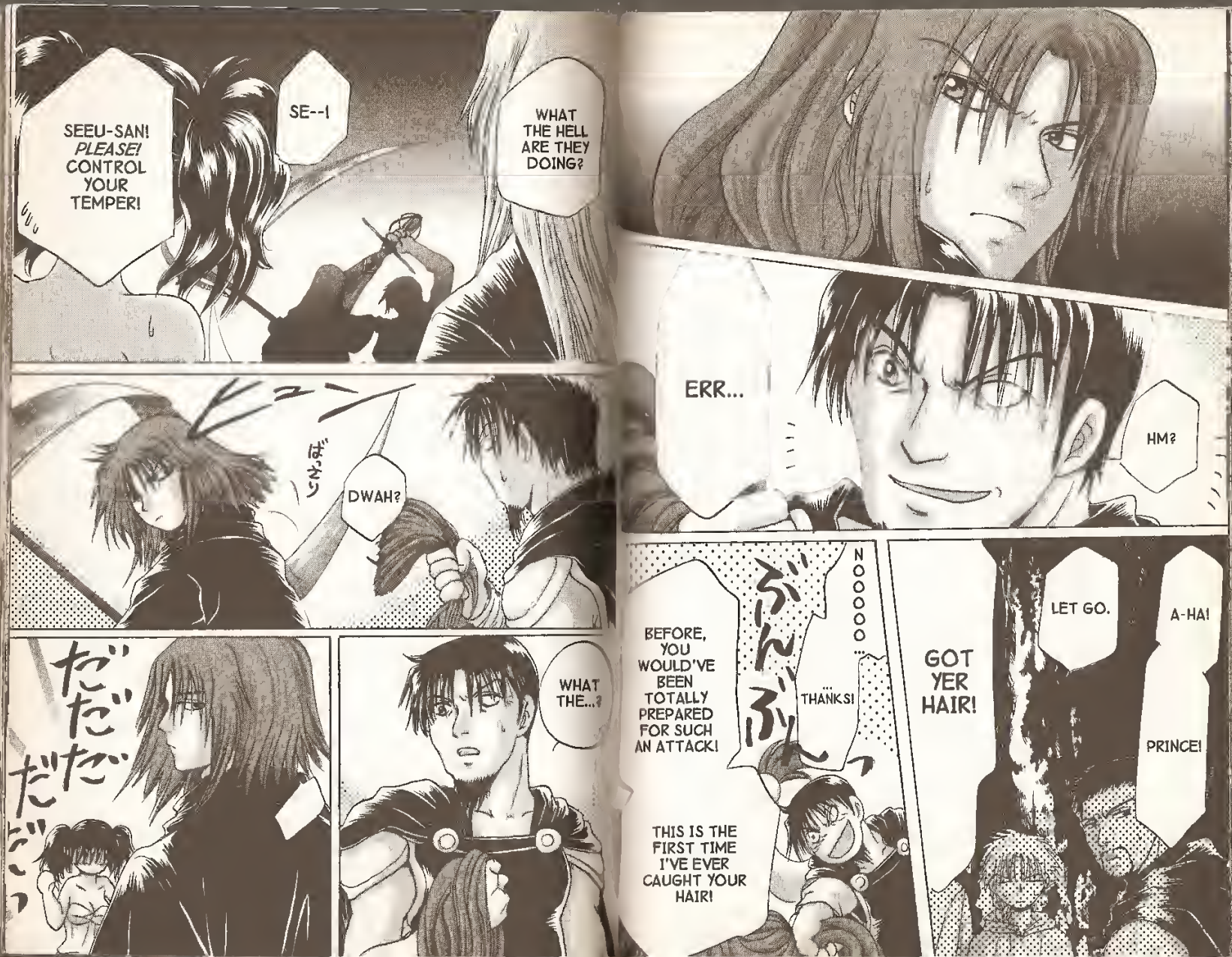
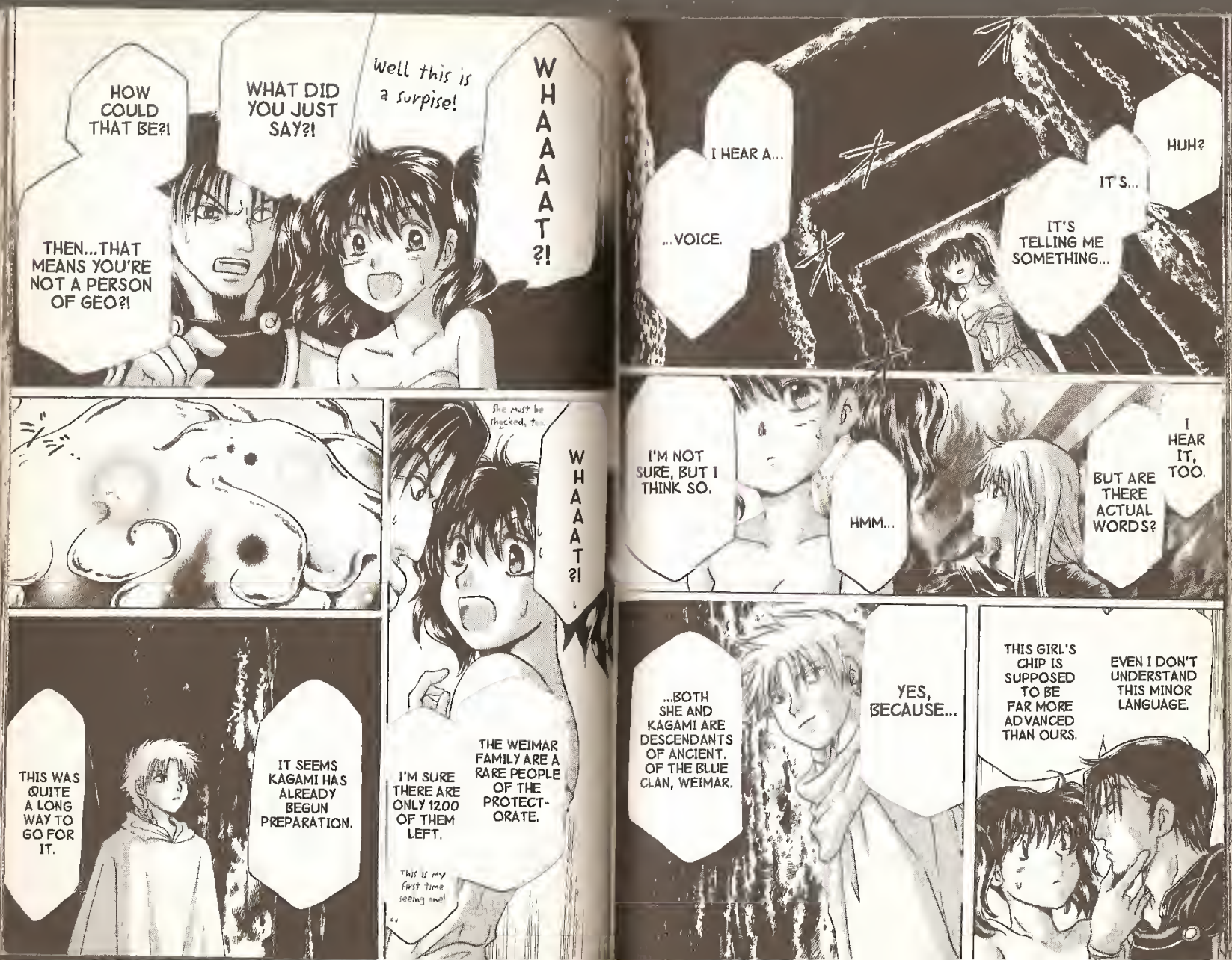
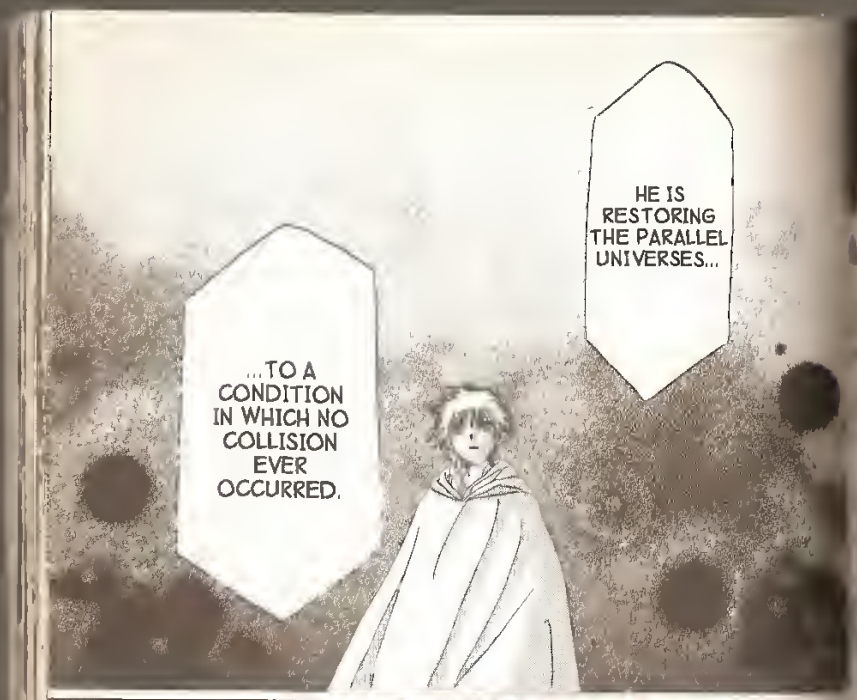
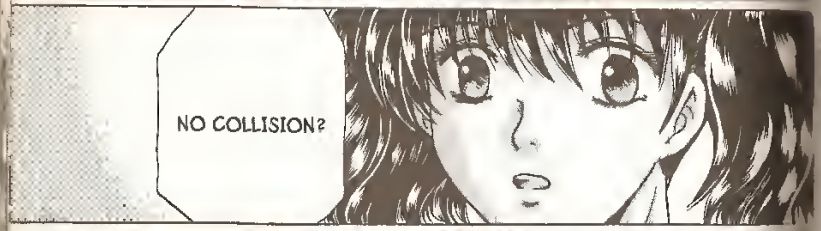
I *DEMAND* AN EXPLANATION!
!!
I DON'T THINK ANY OF US CAN SAY.
WHERE THE HELL...
...ARE WE NOW?

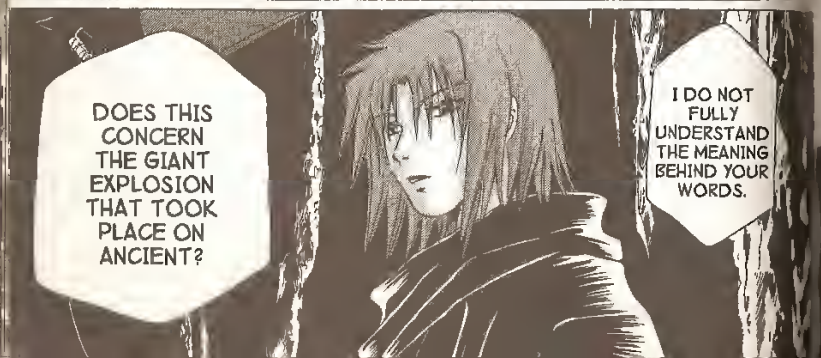

SEEU-SAN! *PLEASE!* CONTROL YOUR TEMPER!
SE--!
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY DOING?
DWAH?
WHAT THE...?
BEFORE, YOU WOULD'VE BEEN TOTALLY PREPARED FOR SUCH AN ATTACK!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER CAUGHT YOUR HAIR!
NOOOOO...
...THANKS!
ERR...
HM?
GOT YER HAIR!
LET GO.
A-HA!
PRINCE!

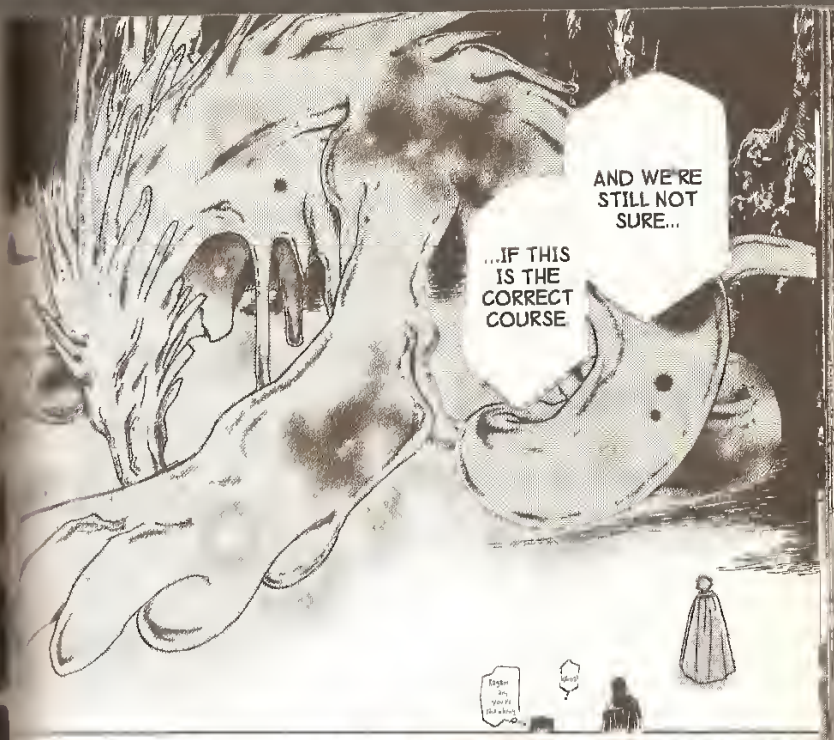
SOMETHING'S DOWN HERE.
THESE ARE THE REMAINS OF ANCIENT
HA.
STOP TEASING HIM THIS INSTANT!
KURAI EXCUSE ME!
ER...
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE MAD PRINCE?
WHAT IS THIS NOW?
HA HA HA!
IT LOOKS LIKE...

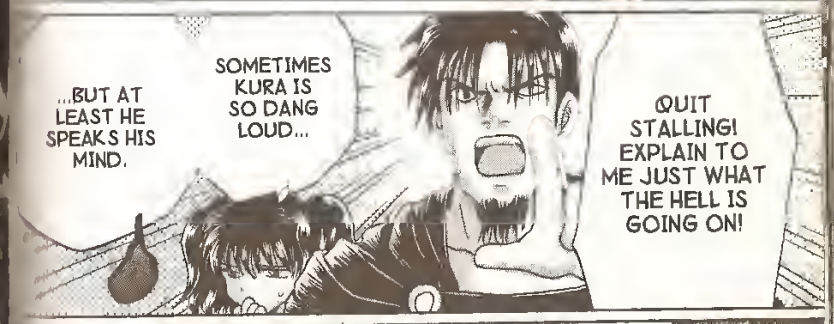

HOW COULD THAT BE?!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
Well this is a surprise!
WHAAAAAT?!
THEN...THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT A PERSON OF GEO?!
I HEAR A...
...VOICE.
HUH?
IT'S...
IT'S TELLING ME SOMETHING...
I'M NOT SURE, BUT I THINK SO.
HMM...
BUT ARE THERE ACTUAL WORDS?
I HEAR IT, TOO.
She must be shocked, too.
WHAAAAAT?!
THIS WAS QUITE A LONG WAY TO GO FOR IT.
IT SEEMS KAGAMI HAS ALREADY BEGUN PREPARATION.
I'M SURE THERE ARE ONLY 1200 OF THEM LEFT.
THE WEIMAR FAMILY ARE A RARE PEOPLE OF THE PROTECT-ORATE.
This is my first time seeing one!
...BOTH SHE AND KAGAMI ARE DESCENDANTS OF ANCIENT. OF THE BLUE CLAN, WEIMAR.
YES, BECAUSE...
THIS GIRL'S CHIP IS SUPPOSED TO BE FAR MORE ADVANCED THAN OURS.
EVEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS MINOR LANGUAGE.

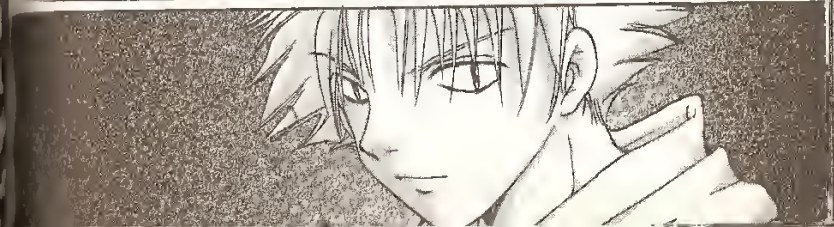

HE IS RESTORING THE PARALLEL UNIVERSES...
...TO A CONDITION IN WHICH NO COLLISION EVER OCCURRED.


NO COLLISION?

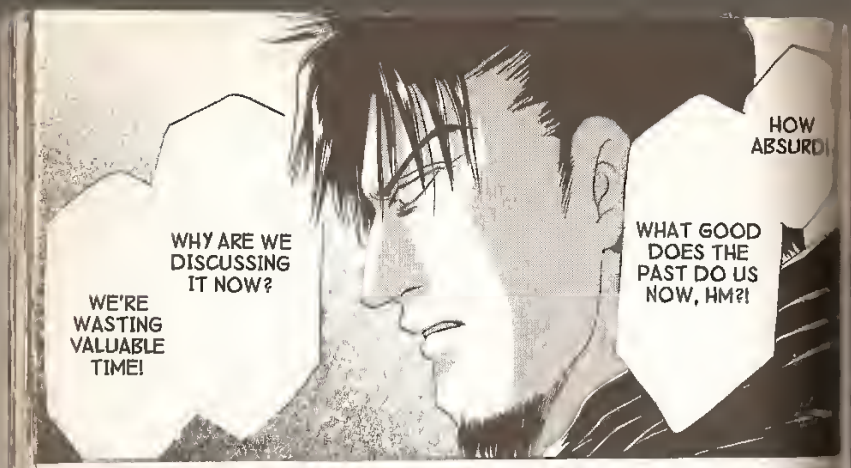

DOES THIS CONCERN THE GIANT EXPLOSION THAT TOOK PLACE ON ANCIENT?
I DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE MEANING BEHIND YOUR WORDS.

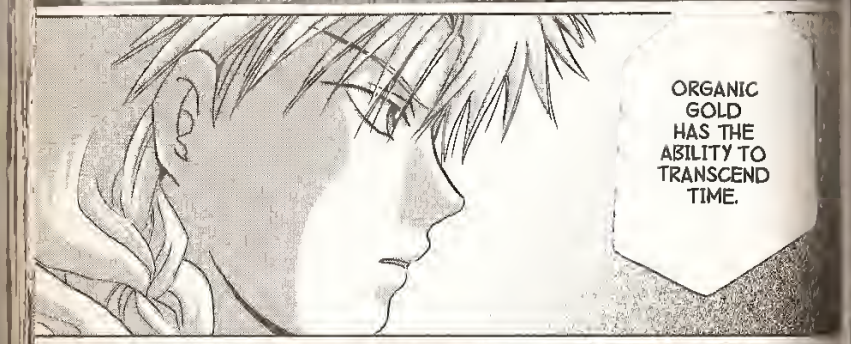

AND WE'RE STILL NOT SURE...
...IF THIS IS THE CORRECT COURSE


...BUT AT LEAST HE SPEAKS HIS MIND.
SOMETIMES KURA IS SO DANG LOUD...
QUIT STALLING! EXPLAIN TO ME JUST WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON!



LONG AGO ON ANCIENT, WHICH IS SAID TO BE THE CORNERSTONE OF ALL THE CULTURES OF THE WORLDS...
...SOMETHING CATASTROPHIC HAPPENED AND NONE OF US WILL EVER KNOW WHAT.
BUT PERHAPS THEY CAUSED AN EXPLOSION THAT DISRPTED BOTH SPACE AND TIME.
THUS CAUSING THE PARALLEL UNIVERSES TO SHAKE...
...AND CREATING THE TRAGIC SITUATION THAT WE NOW FACE.
YOU CALL IT A THEORY... BUT I'D LEARNED OF IT AS TRUTH.
WHAT'RE THEY TALKING ABOUT?
HUH?
THE THEORY THAT IT WAS CAUSED BY MAN?
RAGUNA USED TO ALSO SAY THE SAME THING.
IT WAS ALSO AN ESTABLISHED THEORY ON THE NINTH WORLD.
MAN-MADE?
YOU MEAN SOMEONE CAUSED IT TO HAPPEN?
I MEAN, SHE WASN'T ANY USE BLABBERING ON AND ON THE WAY SHE DID...
BUT I HEARD HER SAY IT ONCE.
DIDIUS ALSO SAID THAT THE COLLISION OF THE PARALLEL UNIVERSES WAS MAN-MADE

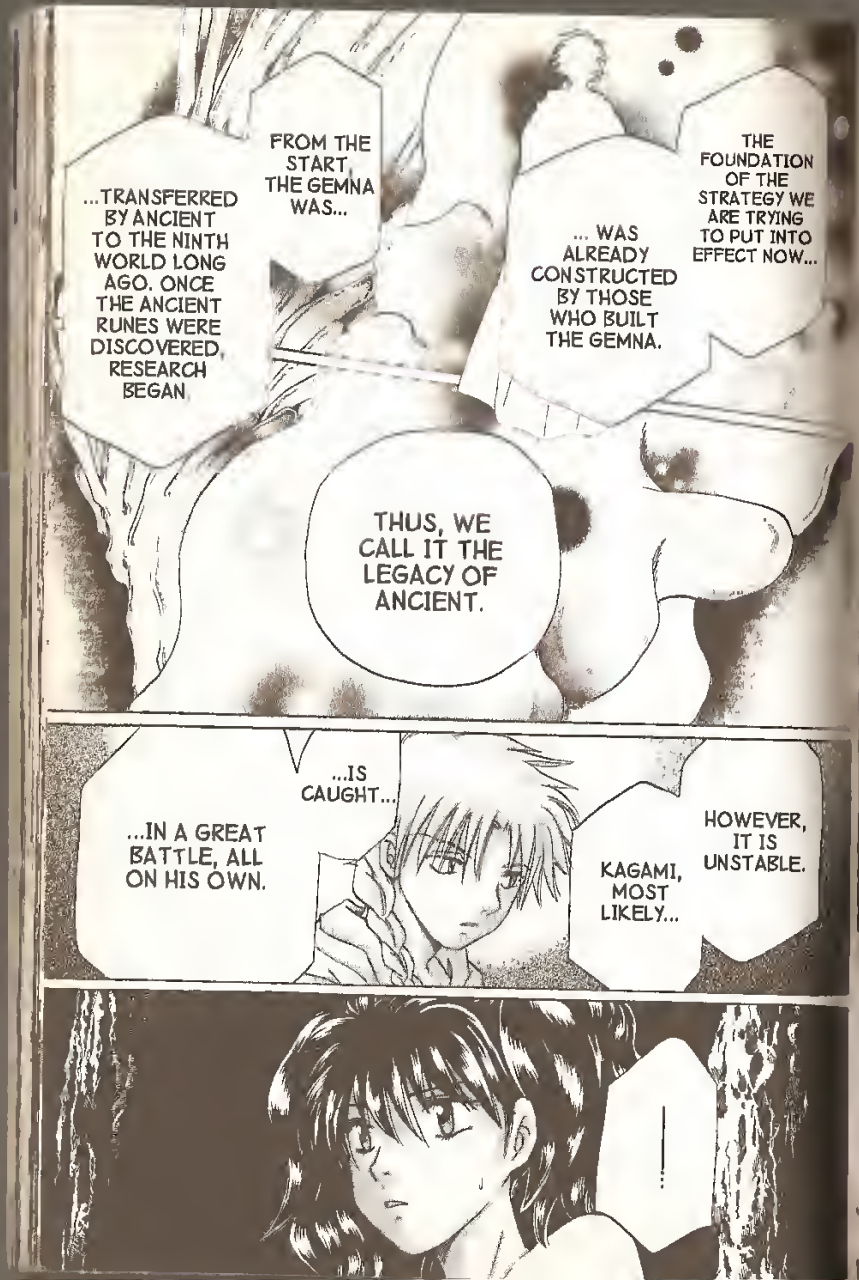

HOW ABSURD!
WHAT GOOD DOES THE PAST DO US NOW, HM?!
WHY ARE WE DISCUSSING IT NOW?
WE'RE WASTING VALUABLE TIME!


ORGANIC GOLD HAS THE ABILITY TO TRANSCEND TIME.

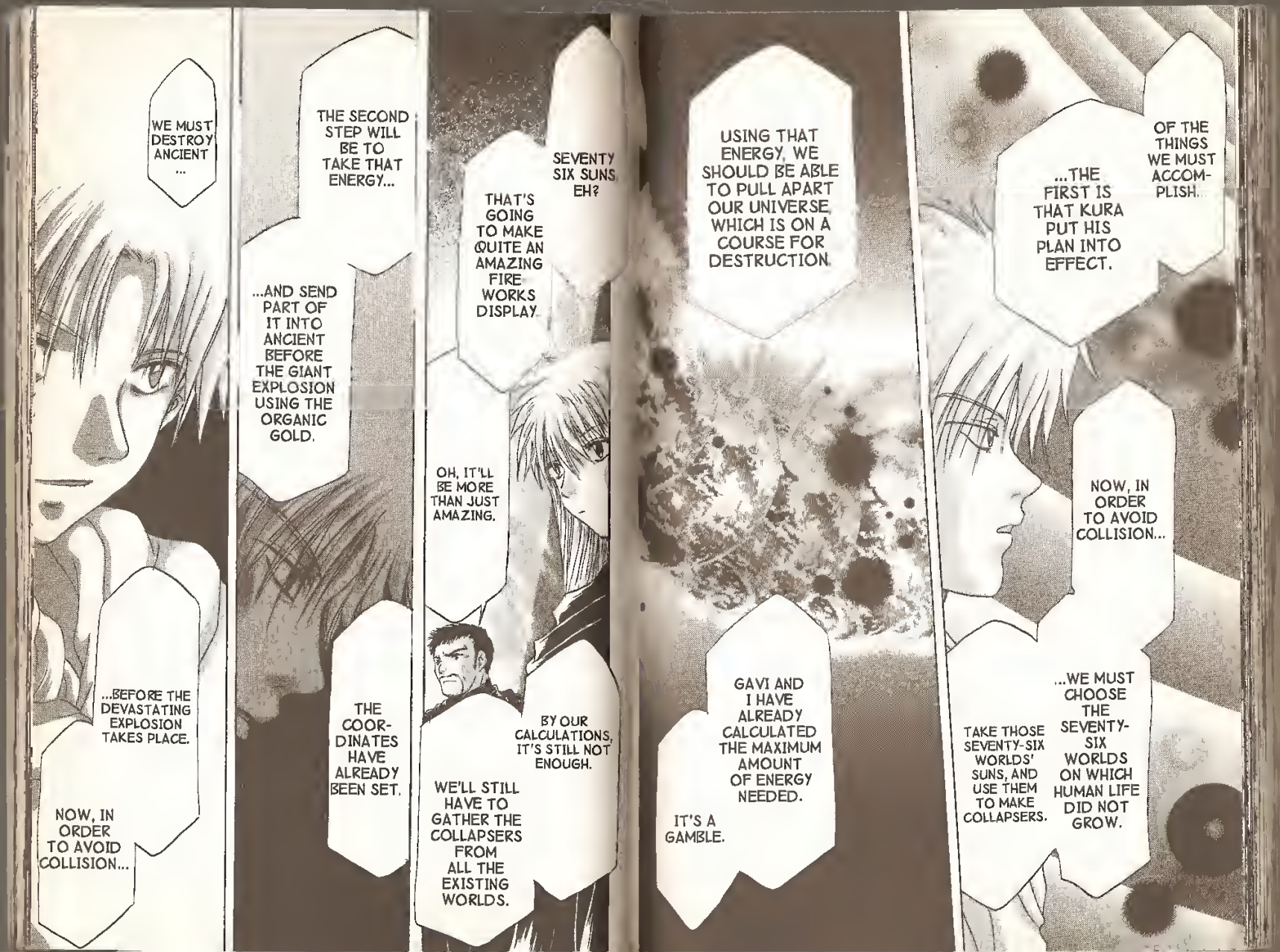
QUIT WITH THE IDLE NONSENSE!
WE HAVE MORE PRESSING MATTERS, LIKE THE FUTURE ITSELF!
DON'T...
...BE...
...STUPID!

GRR!

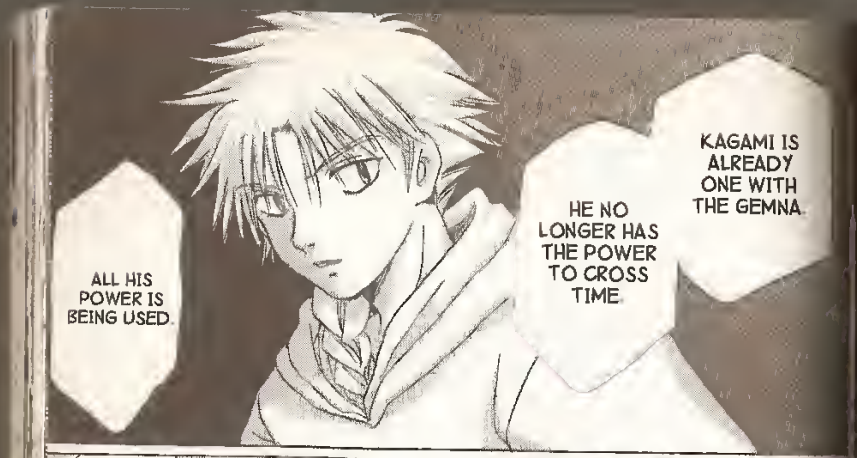
THE UNIVERSE WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO CRASH.
IF WE DON'T STOP THE DIST-ORTION...
...OUR UNIVERSE WILL CONTINUE TO DESTROY ITSELF.
CURSED FOREVER WITH FEAR.

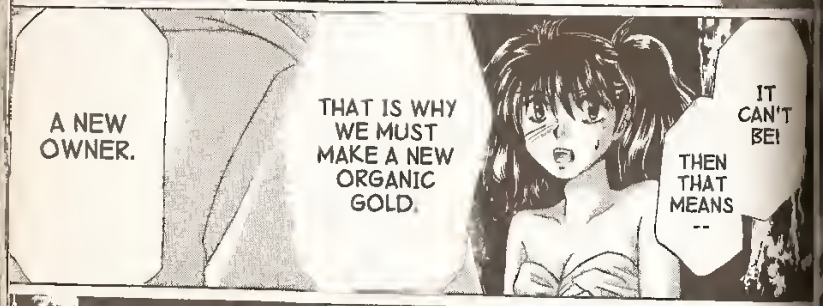

...TRANSFERRED BY ANCIENT TO THE NINTH WORLD LONG AGO. ONCE THE ANCIENT RUNES WERE DISCOVERED, RESEARCH BEGAN
FROM THE START, THE GEMNA WAS...
... WAS ALREADY CONSTRUCTED BY THOSE WHO BUILT THE GEMNA.
THE FOUNDATION OF THE STRATEGY WE ARE TRYING TO PUT INTO EFFECT NOW...
THUS, WE CALL IT THE LEGACY OF ANCIENT.
...IS CAUGHT...
...IN A GREAT BATTLE, ALL ON HIS OWN.
KAGAMI, MOST LIKELY...
HOWEVER, IT IS UNSTABLE.
!

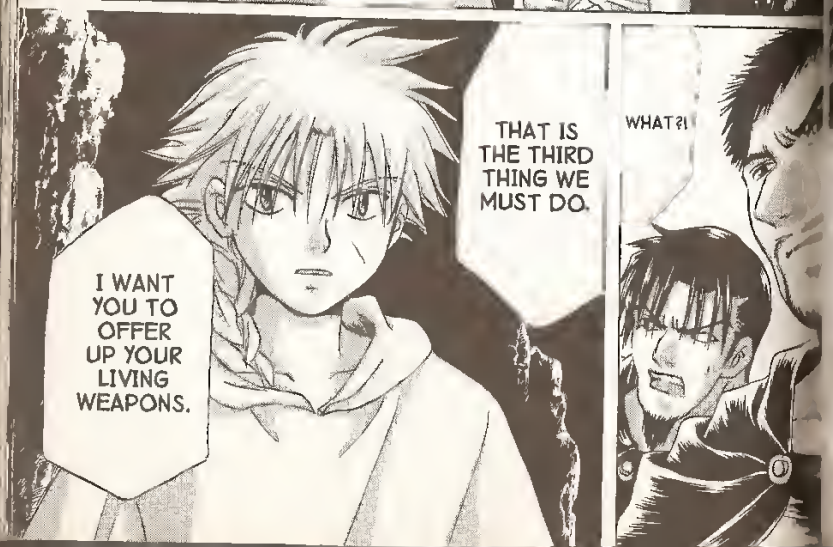
THAT IS WHY THERE ARE THREE TASKS WE MUST COMPLETE.
YOU ARE RIGHT.
THE FUTURE IS IMPORTANT.
...WE NEED EVERYONE HERE TO AGREE TO THEM.
BUT IN ORDER TO DO SO...


WE MUST DESTROY ANCIENT ...
...BEFORE THE DEVASTATING EXPLOSION TAKES PLACE.
NOW, IN ORDER TO AVOID COLLISION...
THE SECOND STEP WILL BE TO TAKE THAT ENERGY...
...AND SEND PART OF IT INTO ANCIENT BEFORE THE GIANT EXPLOSION USING THE ORGANIC GOLD.
THE COOR-DINATES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SET.
SEVENTY SIX SUNS, EH?
THAT'S GOING TO MAKE QUITE AN AMAZING FIRE WORKS DISPLAY.
OH, IT'LL BE MORE THAN JUST AMAZING.
BY OUR CALCULATIONS, IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH.
WE'LL STILL HAVE TO GATHER THE COLLAPSERS FROM ALL THE EXISTING WORLDS.
USING THAT ENERGY, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PULL APART OUR UNIVERSE, WHICH IS ON A COURSE FOR DESTRUCTION.
GAVI AND I HAVE ALREADY CALCULATED THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ENERGY NEEDED.
IT'S A GAMBLE.
OF THE THINGS WE MUST ACCOM-PLISH...
...THE FIRST IS THAT KURA PUT HIS PLAN INTO EFFECT.
NOW, IN ORDER TO AVOID COLLISION...
TAKE THOSE SEVENTY-SIX WORLDS' SUNS, AND USE THEM TO MAKE COLLAPSERS.
...WE MUST CHOOSE THE SEVENTY-SIX WORLDS ON WHICH HUMAN LIFE DID NOT GROW.

WE WILL STOP IT...
...AT THE SOURCE.
THERE IS NO SUBS-TITUTE...
...FOR YOUR LIVES...
...ANYWHERE. IN ANY WORLD.
THAT FACT CANNOT CHANGE.
AN EXPLOSION ALREADY OCCURRED IN THE WORLD WE ARE IN.
...IT'S FOOLISH NOT TO TRY.
I CAN'T BE CERTAIN IT WILL WORK. BUT...
IT TRULY IS A FOOLISH BET.
...IN THE WORLD WHERE WE DESTROYED ANCIENT, PERHAPS THAT EXPLOSION DID NOT OCCUR.
HOWEVER...
A LOT OF GOOD, IN FACT.
AND WHAT WOULD THAT DO?
EVEN YOU, WHO I SEE WITH MY VERY OWN EYES, APPEAR SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT EACH TIME.
...EVERYTHING I SEE IS ALWAYS DIFFERENT.
I'VE LOST COUNT OF HOW MANY TIMES I'VE REPEATED MY LIFE BUT...
OUR LIVES WILL HAPPEN ONLY ONCE.
...THE SAME TWICE.
...THE LIGHT IS NEVER...
ALTHOUGH YOUR SENSE OF LOVE MAY ALL BE THE SAME...
YOU ALL HAVE ALWAYS CONTINUED TO SHOW ME THE VARYING LIGHT IN THIS PRISON OF SPACE AND TIME.


ALL HIS POWER IS BEING USED.
HE NO LONGER HAS THE POWER TO CROSS TIME.
KAGAMI IS ALREADY ONE WITH THE GEMNA.

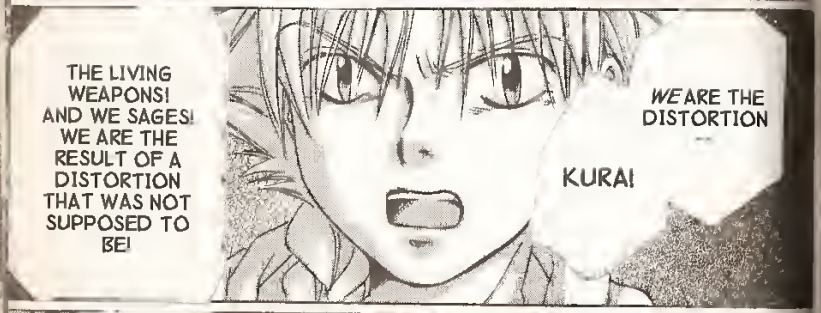

A NEW OWNER.
THAT IS WHY WE MUST MAKE A NEW ORGANIC GOLD.
THEN THAT MEANS --
IT CAN'T BE!

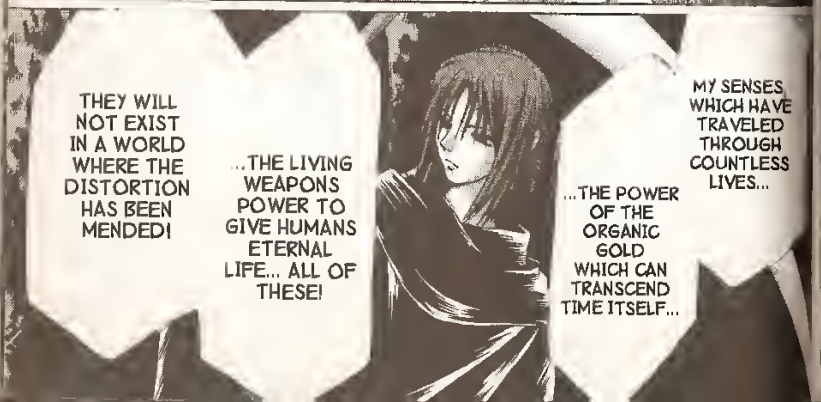

I WANT YOU TO OFFER UP YOUR LIVING WEAPONS.
THAT IS THE THIRD THING WE MUST DO.
WHAT?!

...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...
...WE HAVE TAKEN ON THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE A PACT.
HOWEVER ...
...FOR WE WHO HAVE BEEN BORN AND DIED MANY TIMES AFTER THE GREAT EXPLOSION...

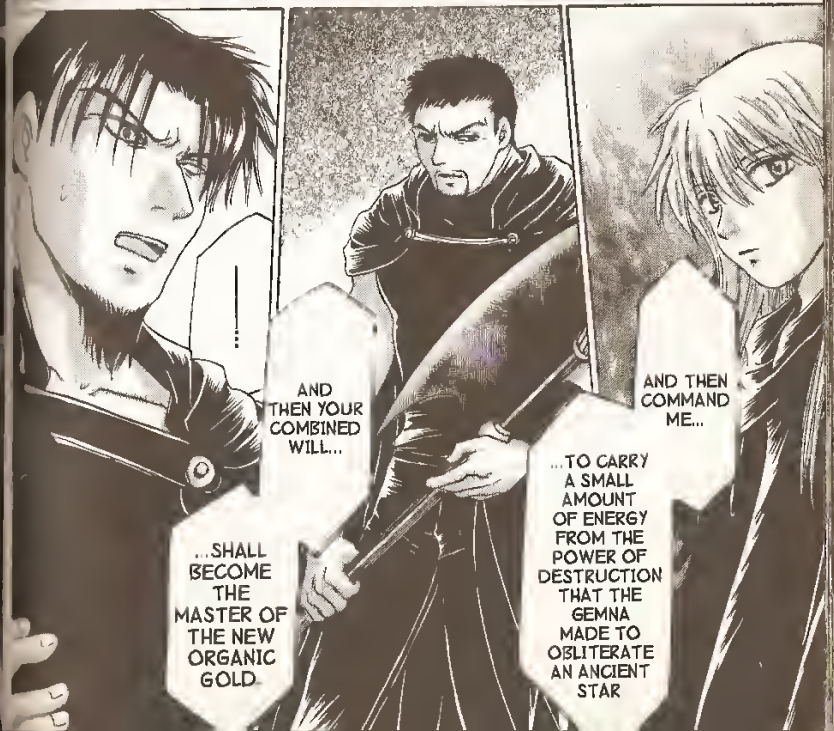
IF WE USE THE ORGANIC GOLD...
...THEN WHAT ABOUT KAGAMI?
B-BUT! WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO KAGAMI?

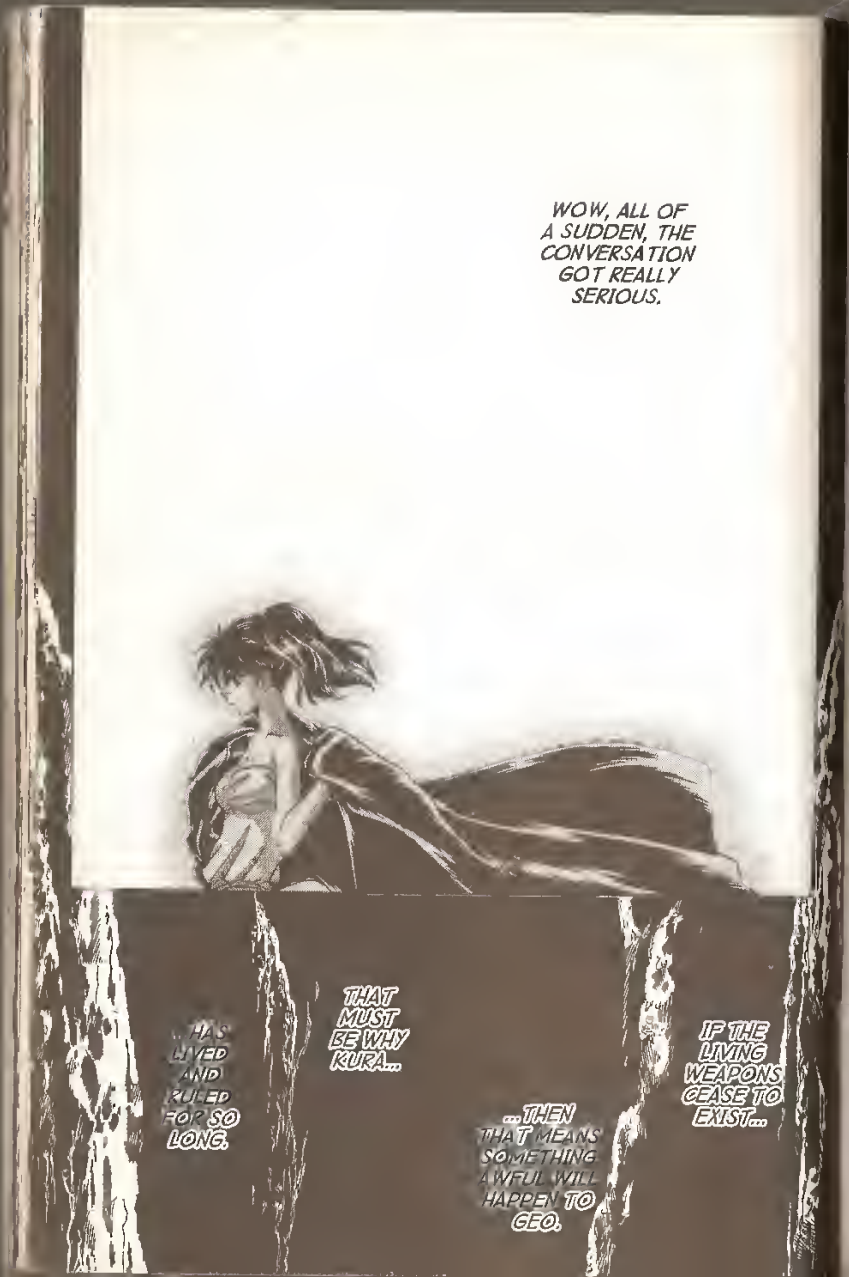
WE WOULD NEVER AGREE TO SUCH NONSENSE!
STOP THIS FOOLISH-NESS!

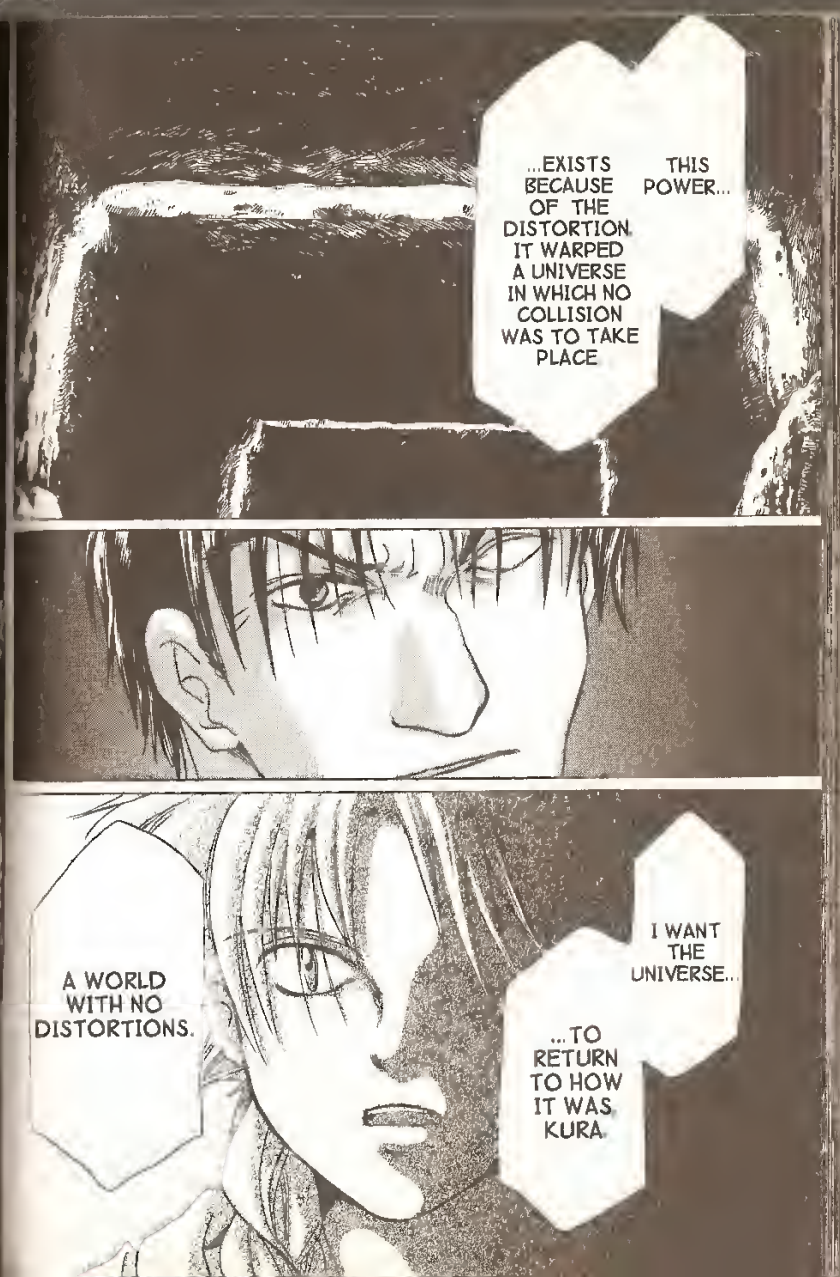

THE LIVING WEAPONS! AND WE SAGES! WE ARE THE RESULT OF A DISTORTION THAT WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE!
WE ARE THE DISTORTION
KURA!

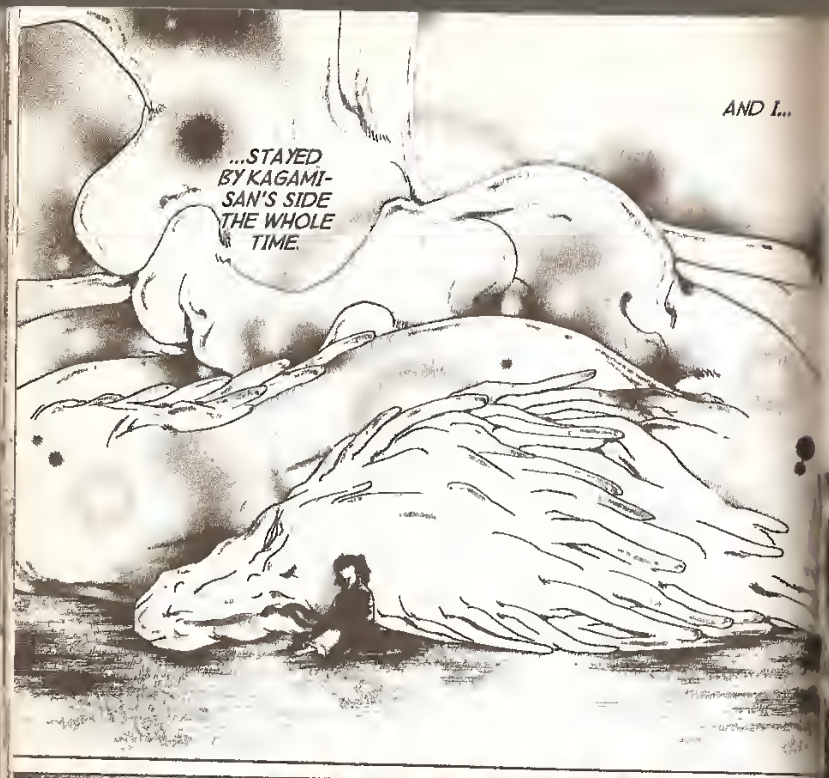

THEY WILL NOT EXIST IN A WORLD WHERE THE DISTORTION HAS BEEN MENDED!
...THE LIVING WEAPONS POWER TO GIVE HUMANS ETERNAL LIFE... ALL OF THESE!
...THE POWER OF THE ORGANIC GOLD WHICH CAN TRANSCEND TIME ITSELF...
MY SENSES WHICH HAVE TRAVELED THROUGH COUNTLESS LIVES...

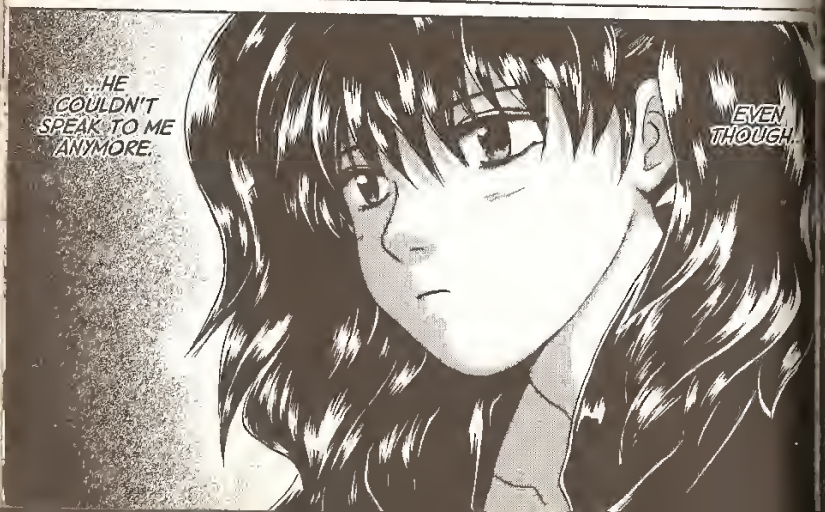
IN ORDER TO BRING FORTH ONE MORE ORGANIC GOLD TO THIS WORLD.

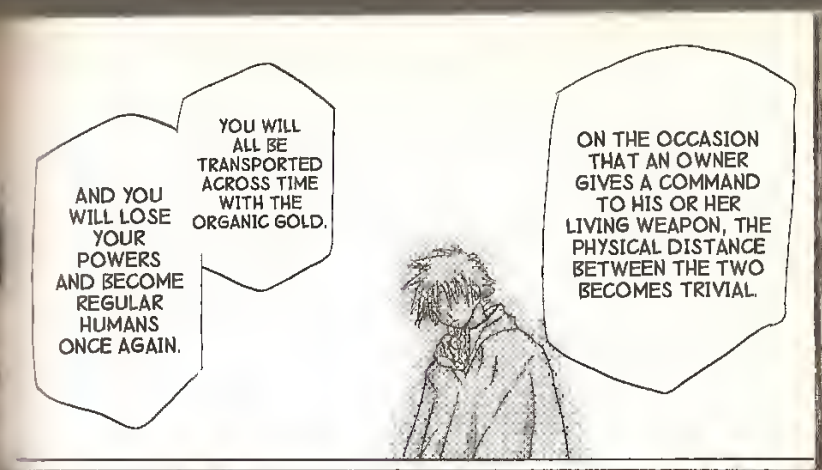

...
AND THEN YOUR COMBINED WILL...
...SHALL BECOME THE MASTER OF THE NEW ORGANIC GOLD.
AND THEN COMMAND ME...
...TO CARRY A SMALL AMOUNT OF ENERGY FROM THE POWER OF DESTRUCTION THAT THE GEMNA MADE TO OBLITERATE AN ANCIENT STAR


WOW, ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE CONVERSATION GOT REALLY SERIOUS.
...HAS LIVED AND KILLED FOR SO LONG.
THAT MUST BE WHY KURA...
...THEN THAT MEANS SOMETHING AWFUL WILL HAPPEN TO GEO.
IF THE LIVING WEAPONS CEASE TO EXIST...


...EXISTS BECAUSE OF THE DISTORTION IT WARPED A UNIVERSE IN WHICH NO COLLISION WAS TO TAKE PLACE
THIS POWER...
A WORLD WITH NO DISTORTIONS.
I WANT THE UNIVERSE...
...TO RETURN TO HOW IT WAS, KURA.

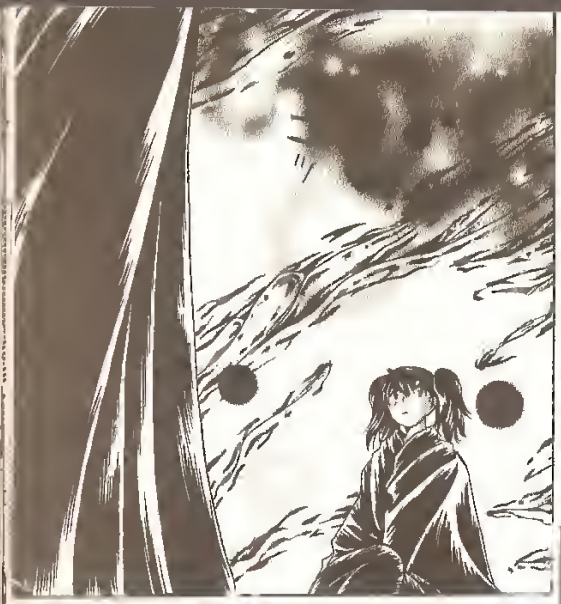

AND I...
...STAYED BY KAGAMI-SAN'S SIDE THE WHOLE TIME.

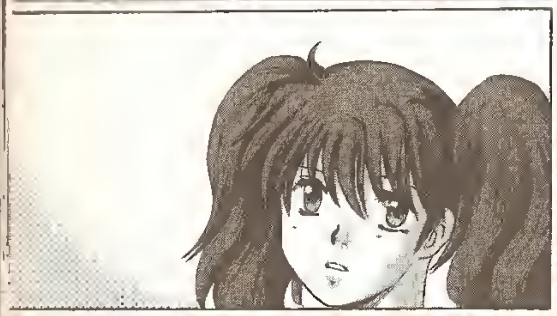

...HE COULDN'T SPEAK TO ME ANYMORE.
EVEN THOUGH...

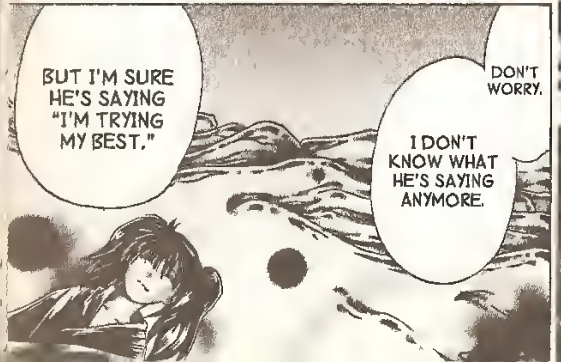

AND YOU WILL LOSE YOUR POWERS AND BECOME REGULAR HUMANS ONCE AGAIN.
YOU WILL ALL BE TRANSPORTED ACROSS TIME WITH THE ORGANIC GOLD.
ON THE OCCASION THAT AN OWNER GIVES A COMMAND TO HIS OR HER LIVING WEAPON, THE PHYSICAL DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO BECOMES TRIVIAL.

...AND WITHOUT A WORD, RUBBED HIS ZENITH CRYSTAL.
IDOU-SAN LENT ME HIS CLOAK...

...AND TALKED TO ME FROM TIME TO TIME.
IT MAKES SENSE. NO COMPLAINTS FROM ME AND MY FIRE.
SO ONLY THOSE THAT WERE BORN FROM THE RIFT CAN FIX IT.
BAMBI-CHAN WOULD ACT LIKE SHE DIDN'T REALLY CARE...



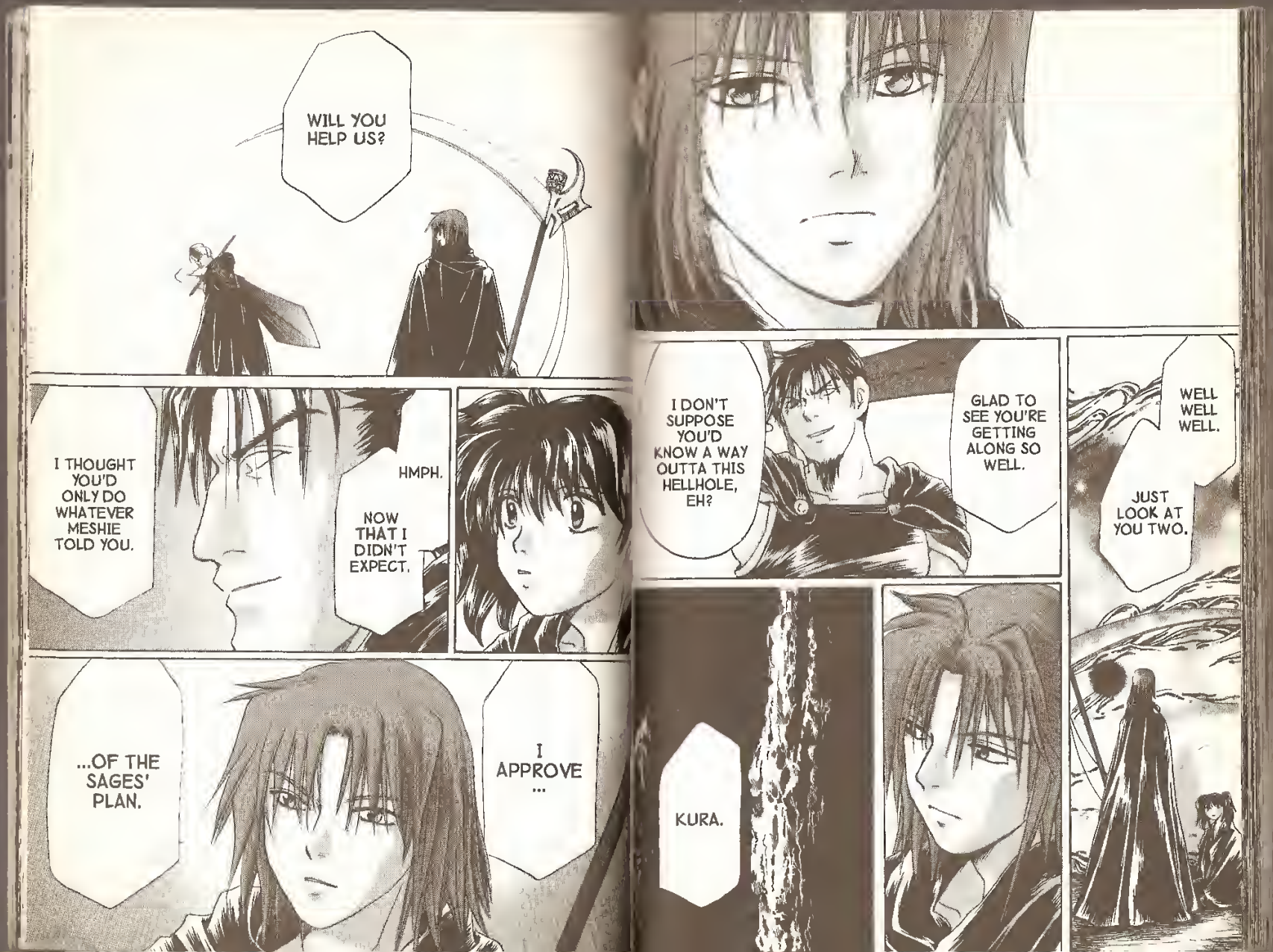


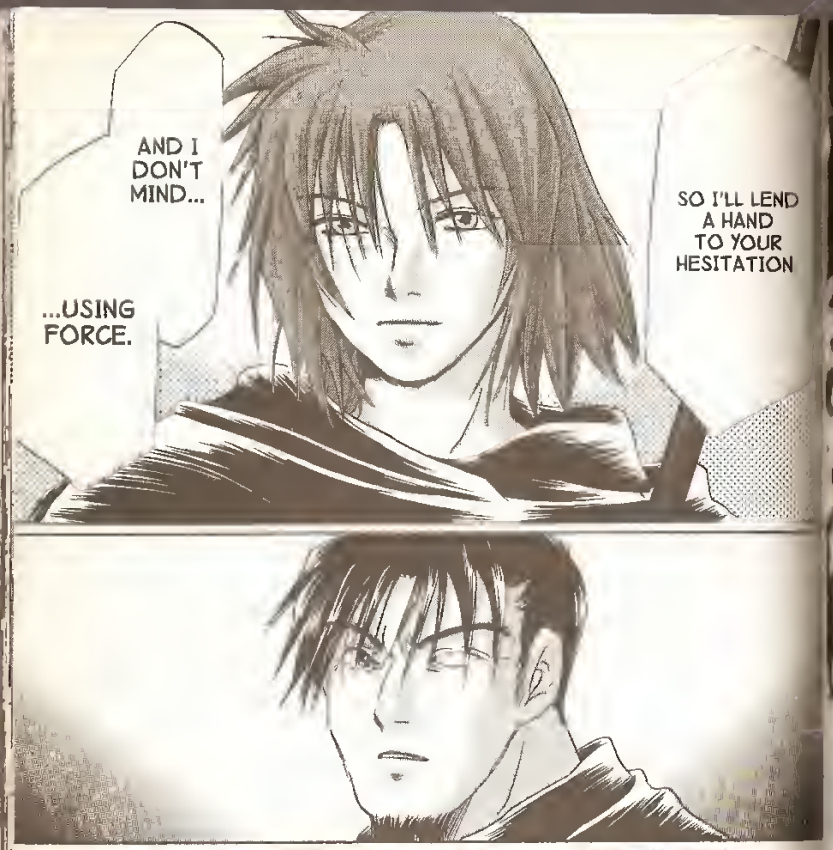

BUT I'M SURE HE'S SAYING "I'M TRYING MY BEST."
DON'T WORRY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S SAYING ANYMORE.

BUT WHAT...
WHAT CAN I DO...?

BUT...
...I'M SURE HE KNEW THAT I WAS THERE.

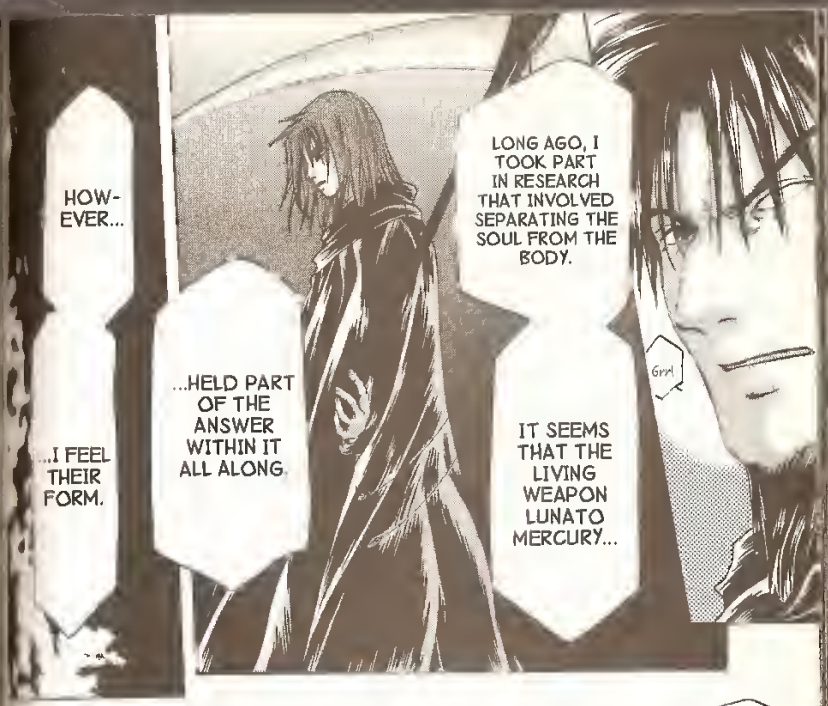
...OF HIS OWN FREE WILL.
HE CHOSE TO GO...
...THAT'S WHAT...
I'M SURE...
...HE'D ALWAYS DONE.


WILL YOU HELP US?
I THOUGHT YOU'D ONLY DO WHATEVER MESHIE TOLD YOU.
HMPH.
NOW THAT I DIDN'T EXPECT.
...OF THE SAGES' PLAN.
I APPROVE ...
KURA.
I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'D KNOW A WAY OUTTA THIS HELLHOLE, EH?
GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE GETTING ALONG SO WELL.
WELL WELL WELL.
JUST LOOK AT YOU TWO.


AND I DON'T MIND...
...USING FORCE.
SO I'LL LEND A HAND TO YOUR HESITATION

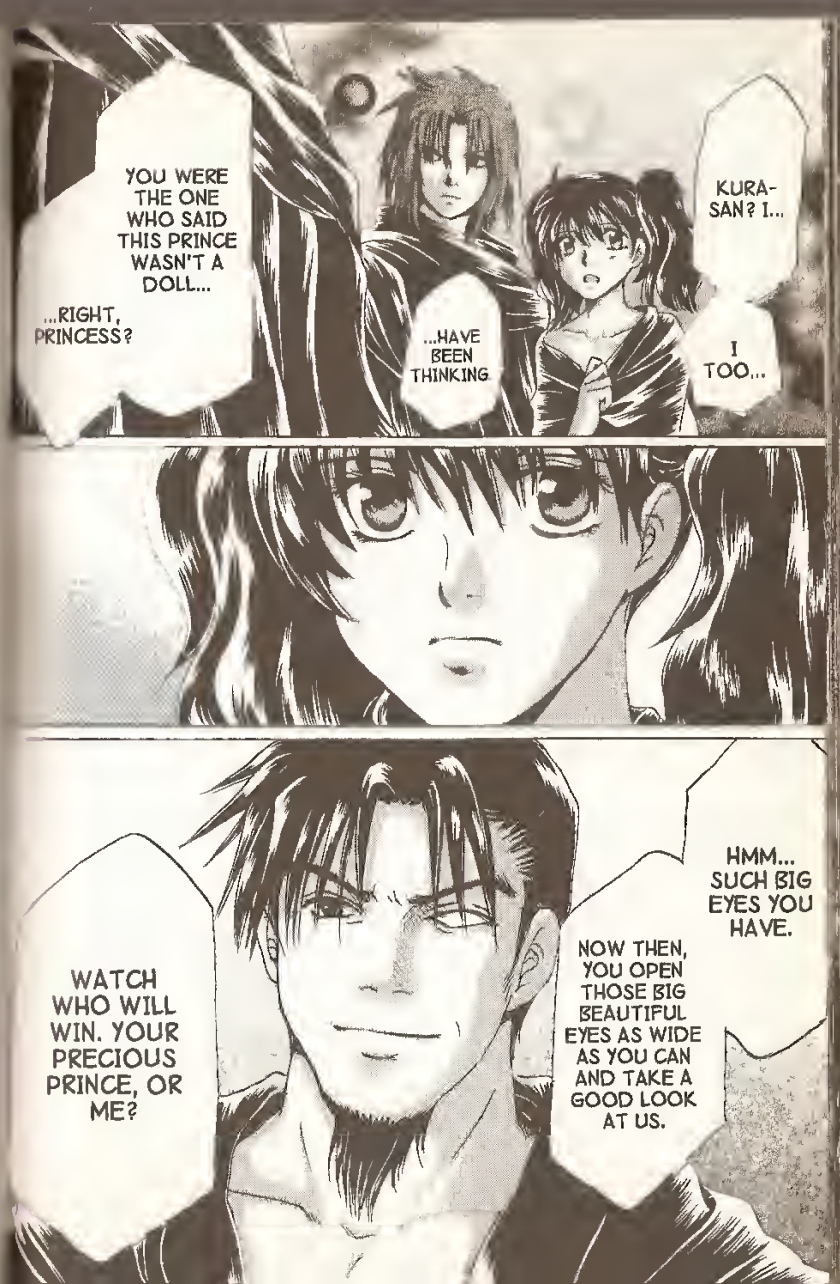
NOW THIS IS A TREAT!
YOU? CHALLENGING ME?!
HA HA HA HA!
AAH HA HA HA!

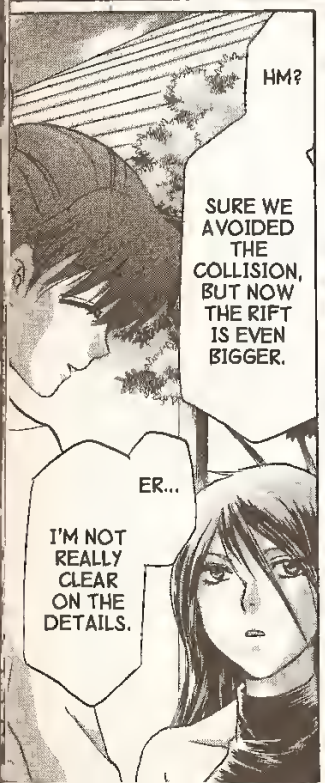
HA... HA...

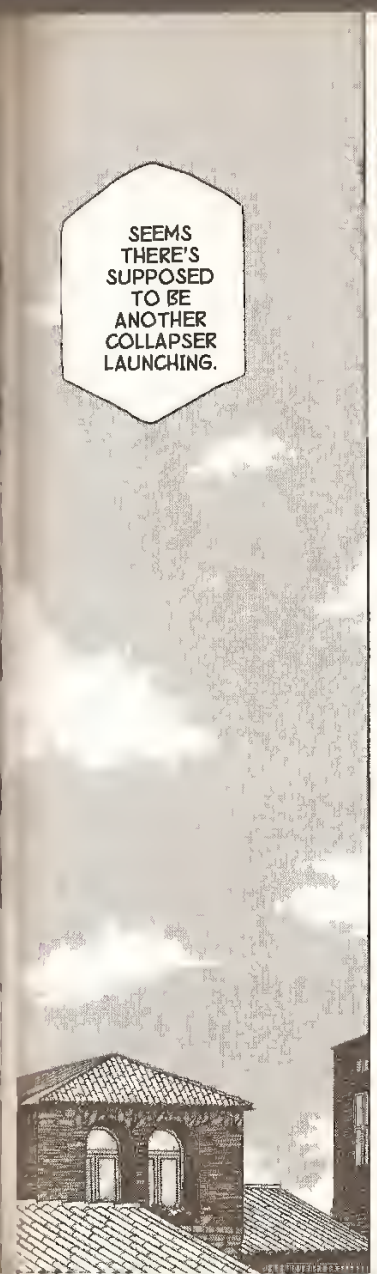

HOW-EVER...
...I FEEL THEIR FORM.
...HELD PART OF THE ANSWER WITHIN IT ALL ALONG.
LONG AGO, I TOOK PART IN RESEARCH THAT INVOLVED SEPARATING THE SOUL FROM THE BODY.
IT SEEMS THAT THE LIVING WEAPON LUNATO MERCURY...
Grrr!

YOU MAY DOUBT ME, BUT...
...I WILL RETURN THEM.
THE FORM OF THEIR SOULS IS DIFFERENT.

BECAUSE...
...I WANT HIM TO STAY THAT KIND OF GUY.

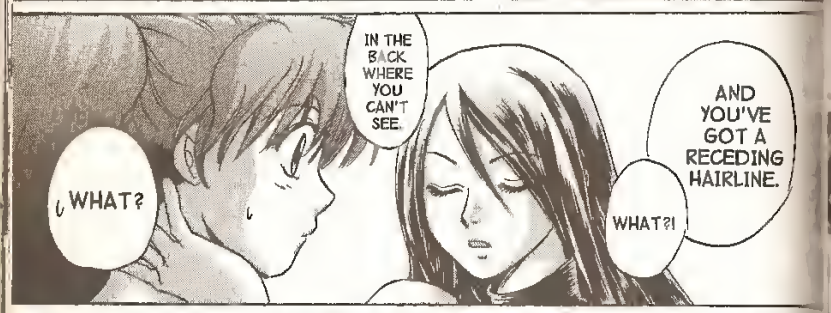

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID THIS PRINCE WASN'T A DOLL...
...RIGHT, PRINCESS?
...HAVE BEEN THINKING
KURA-SAN? I...
I TOO...
WATCH WHO WILL WIN. YOUR PRECIOUS PRINCE, OR ME?
NOW THEN, YOU OPEN THOSE BIG BEAUTIFUL EYES AS WIDE AS YOU CAN AND TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT US.
HMM... SUCH BIG EYES YOU HAVE.



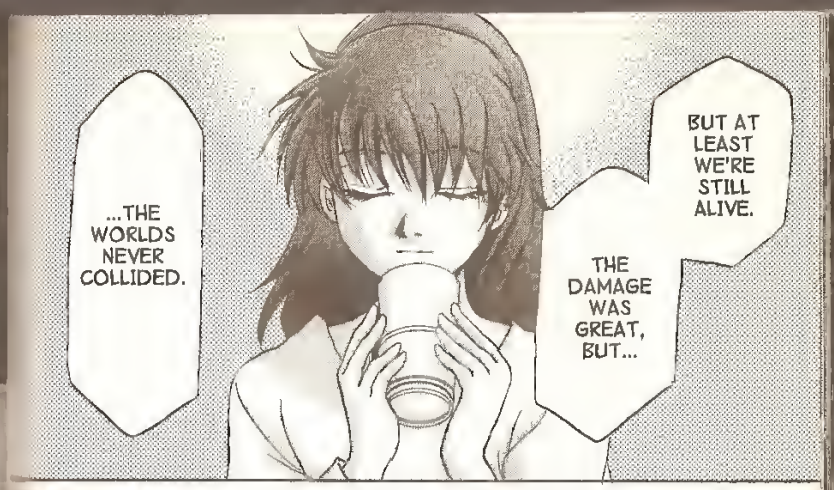


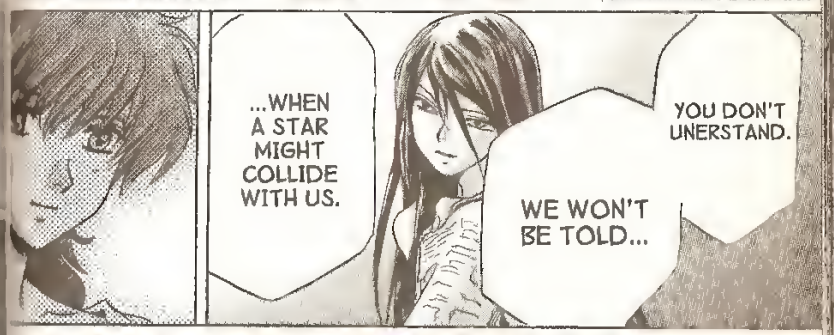
Eight years later...

IF I'M GOING TO BE DISGUISED I'M GOING TO NEED TO TAKE CARE OF IT.
.. MY HAIR'S BEEN GROWING OUT QUITE A BIT.
BY THE WAY, BAMBI-CHAN...

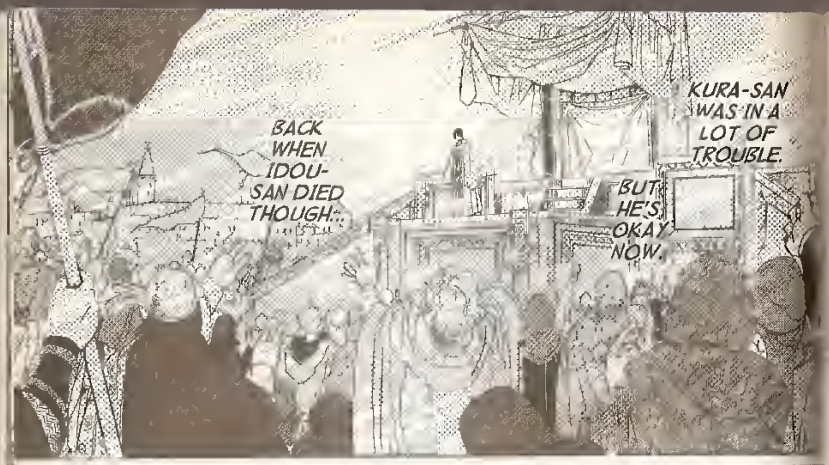

IN THE BACK WHERE YOU CAN'T SEE.
WHAT?
AND YOU'VE GOT A RECEDING HAIRLINE.
WHAT?!

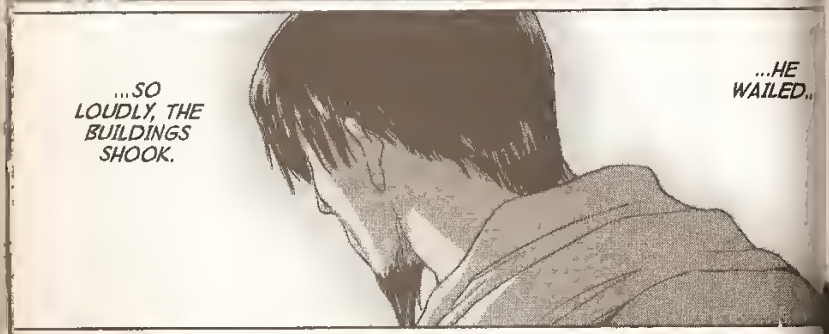
IT'S SO HARD LIVING AMONG SO MANY PEOPLE.
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE SOMEONE RECOGNIZES US.

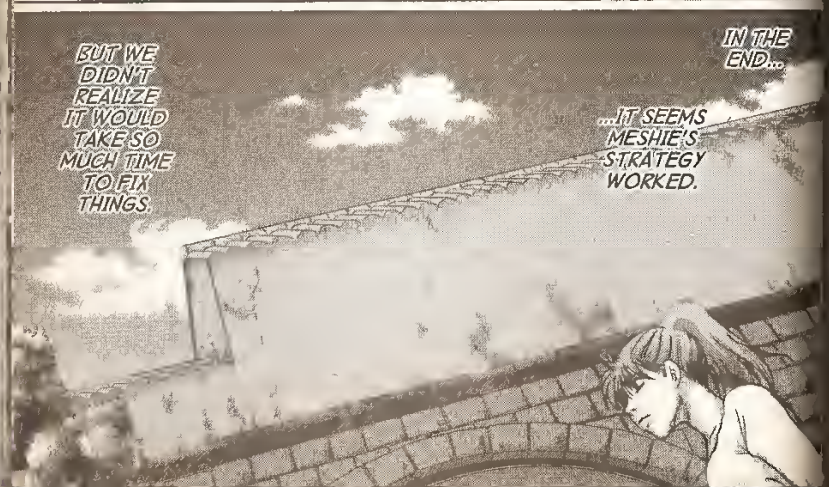

...THE WORLDS NEVER COLLIDED.
THE DAMAGE WAS GREAT, BUT...
BUT AT LEAST WE'RE STILL ALIVE.


...WHEN A STAR MIGHT COLLIDE WITH US.
WE WON'T BE TOLD...
YOU DON'T UNERSTAND.

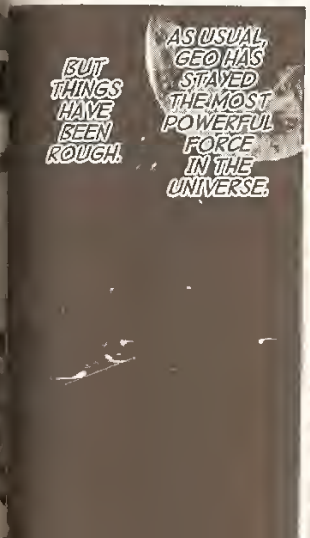
BUT FOR RIGHT NOW, I'M HAPPY JUST BEING ALIVE.
YES. YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.


BACK WHEN IDOU-SAN DIED THOUGH...
KURA-SAN WAS IN A LOT OF TROUBLE.
BUT HE'S OKAY NOW.

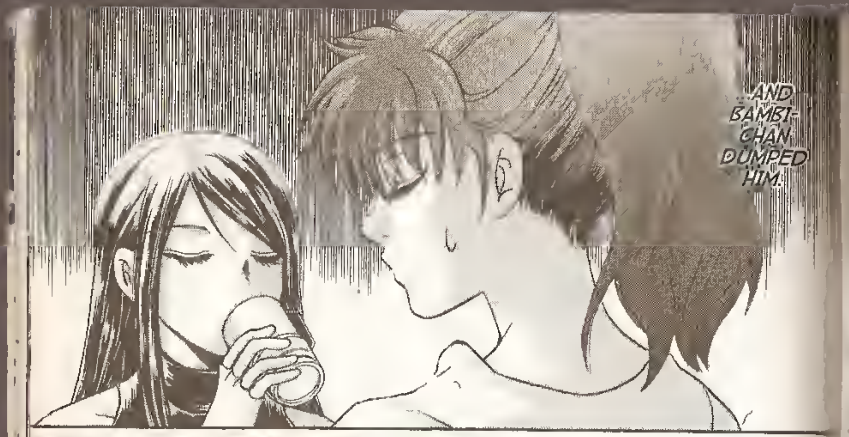

...SO LOUDLY, THE BUILDINGS SHOOK.
...HE WAILED.

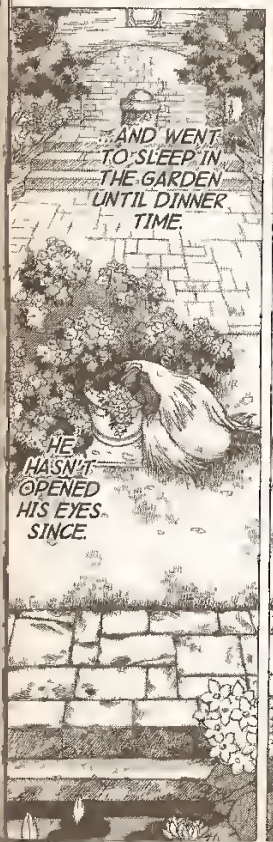

BUT WE DIDN'T REALIZE IT WOULD TAKE SO MUCH TIME TO FIX THINGS.
IN THE END...
...IT SEEMS MESHIE'S STRATEGY WORKED.

SEEMS SHE'S FINALLY REGAINING HER FOOTING.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I SAW SARITA.
IDOU-SAN...
IT'S BEEN ALMOST TWO YEARS SINCE WE LOST IDOU-SAN.
THANK GOODNESS.


BUT THINGS HAVE BEEN ROUGH.
AS USUAL, GEO HAS STAYED THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE.

...WAS SAVING KURA-SAN FROM AN ASSASSIN...
...WHEN HE DIED.

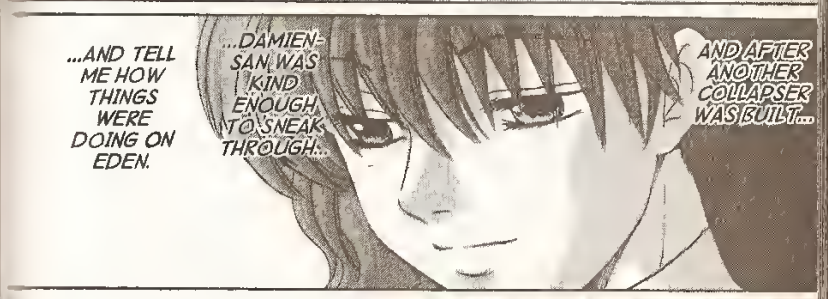




PERHAPS A REAL SOLUTION WILL NEVER BE FOUND.

BUT THE THINGS WE DID TO GET TO WHERE WE ARE NOW WERE BIGGER THAN WE IMAGINED, AND SEEM TO BE THE ROOT OF MOST OF OUR DISPUTES.

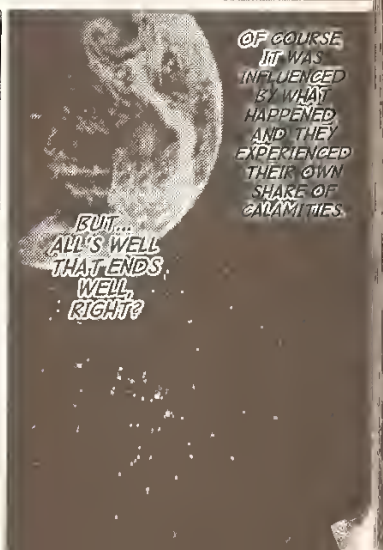
WE'RE SAFE FOR NOW.


...AND TELL ME HOW THINGS WERE DOING ON EDEN.
...DAMIEN-SAN WAS KIND ENOUGH TO SNEAK THROUGH...
AND AFTER ANOTHER COLLAPSER WAS BUILT...

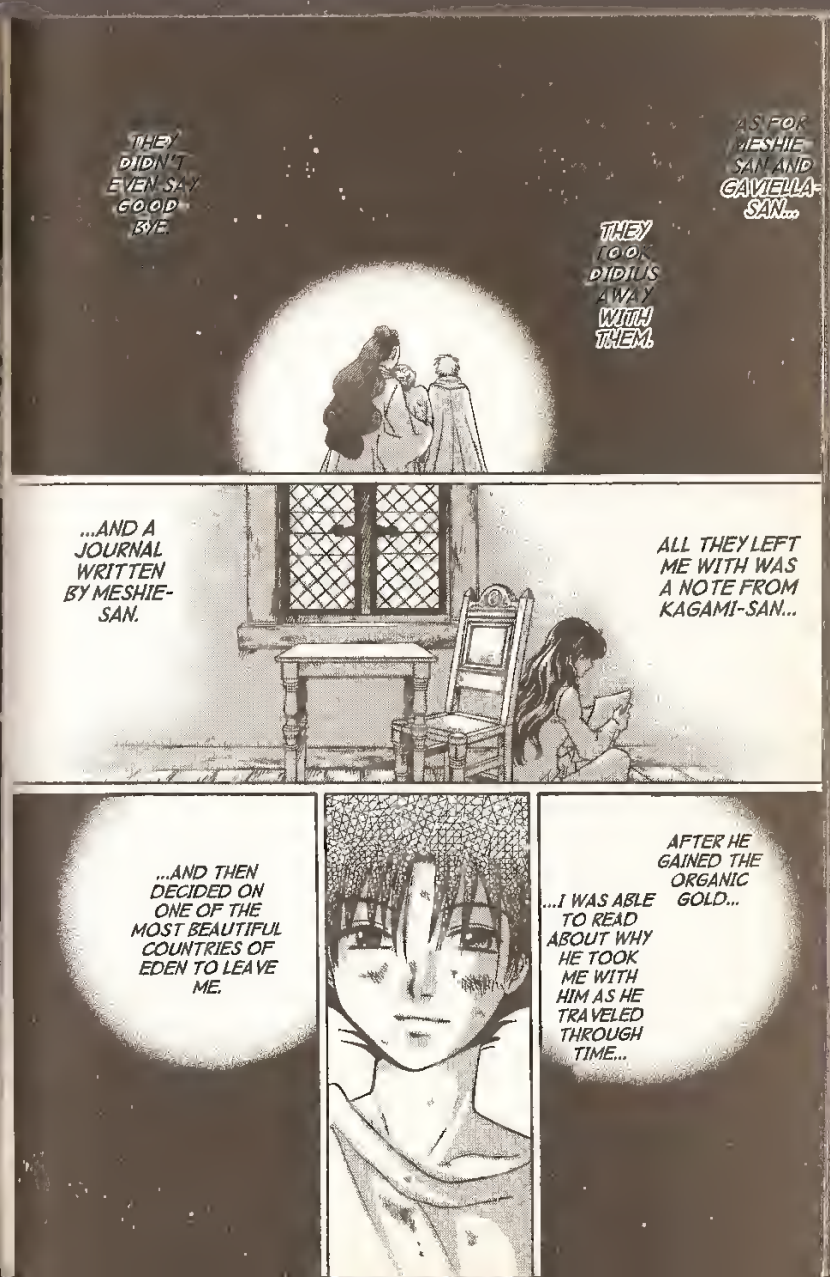
HE WAS EVEN ABLE TO SNEAK ME SOME PHOTOS.

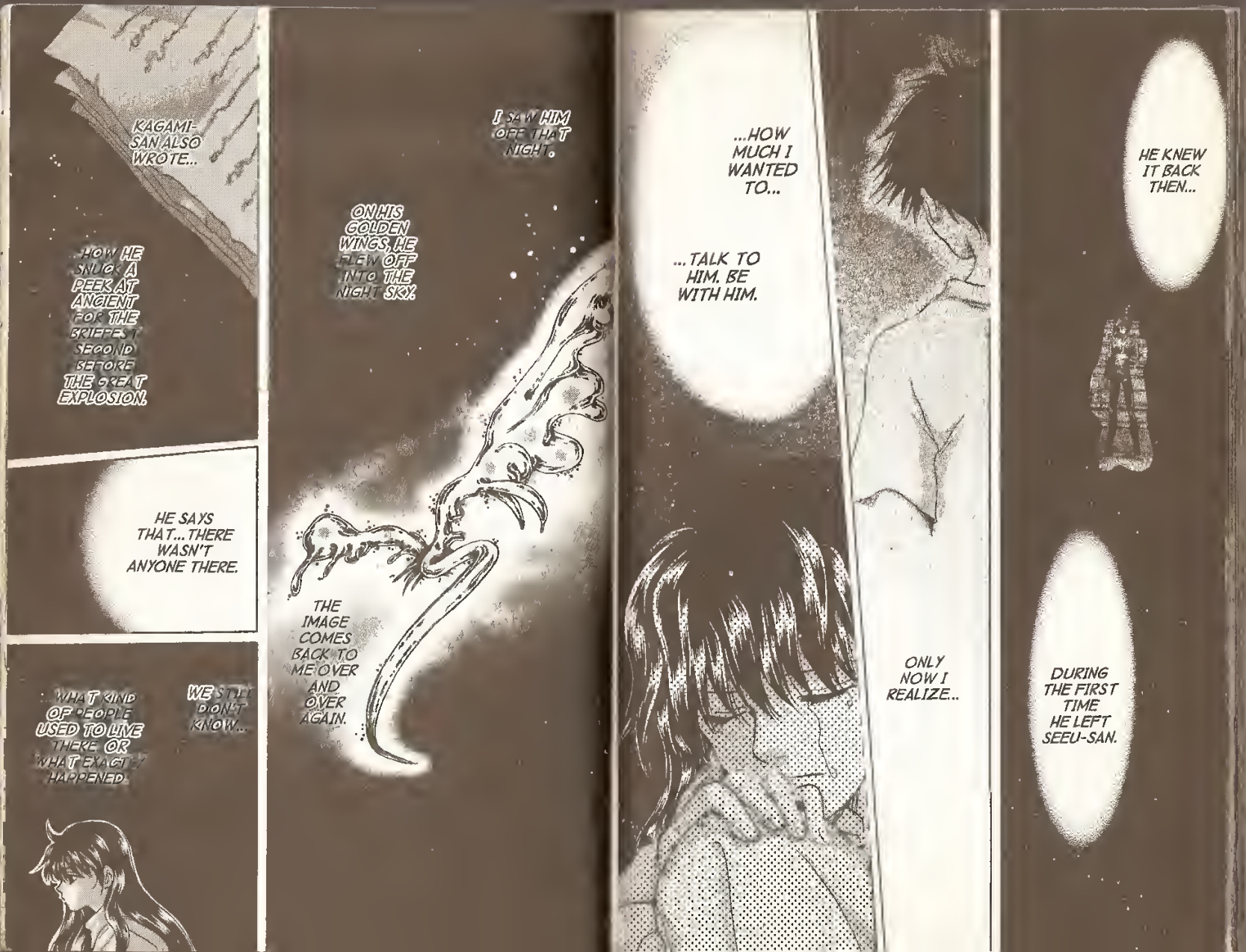
MOTHER AND THE OTHERS SEEM TO BE DOING WELL.

OH YEAH...

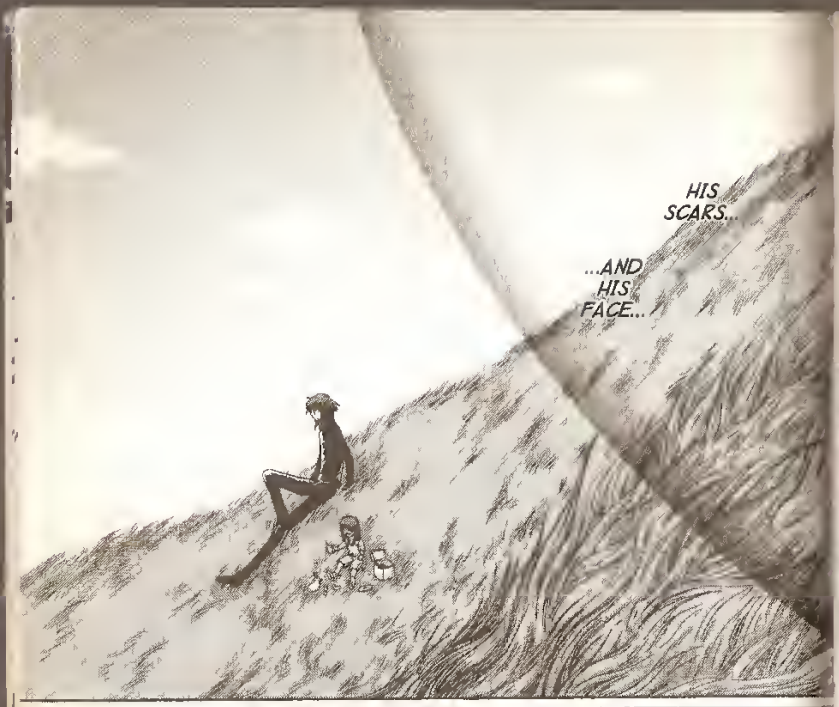

OF COURSE, IT WAS INFLUENCED BY WHAT HAPPENED, AND THEY EXPERIENCED THEIR OWN SHARE OF CALAMITIES.
BUT... ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, RIGHT?

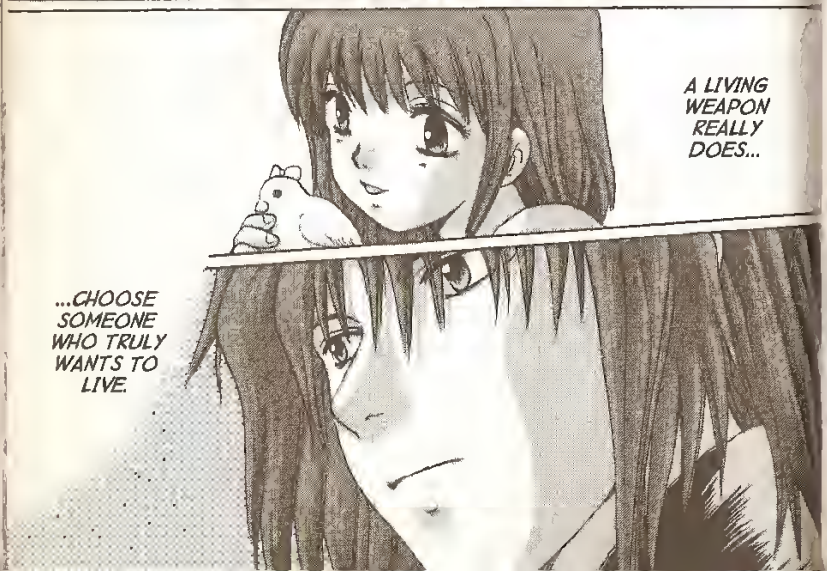
...AND FOUGHT SO HARD.
I THINK I UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BETTER...
...HOW HE FELT WHEN HE MET MESHIE SAN...
JUST LIKE ANY OTHER REGULAR BOY WOULD.
HE HAS A LOT OF DRAWINGS DOODLED ONTO THE CORNERS OF THE PAGES.
...OF A STUDENT.
IT MAKES ME THINK OF THE NOTEBOOK...
AND EVEN MORE, AS THE OWNER OF A LIVING WEAPON.
...BECAUSE HE USED THE ORGANIC GOLD TO TRANSCEND TIME, KAGAMI-SAN HAD TO GIVE UP PART OF HIS LIFE.
ALSO...


THEY DIDN'T EVEN SAY GOOD BYE.
AS FOR MESHIE SAN AND GAVIELLA-SAN...
THEY TOO, DID US AWAY WITH THEM.
...AND A JOURNAL WRITTEN BY MESHIE-SAN.
ALL THEY LEFT ME WITH WAS A NOTE FROM KAGAMI-SAN...
...AND THEN DECIDED ON ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRIES OF EDEN TO LEAVE ME.
...I WAS ABLE TO READ ABOUT WHY HE TOOK ME WITH HIM AS HE TRAVELED THROUGH TIME...
AFTER HE GAINED THE ORGANIC GOLD...

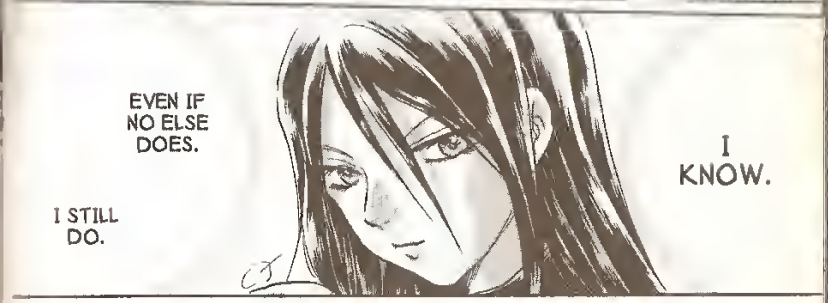

KAGAMI-SAN ALSO WROTE..
...HOW HE SNUCK A PEEK AT ANGIENT FOR THE BRIEFEST SECOND BEFORE THE GREAT EXPLOSION.
HE SAYS THAT... THERE WASN'T ANYONE THERE.
...WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE USED TO LIVE THERE OR WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED.
WE STILL DON'T KNOW...
I SAW HIM OFF THAT NIGHT.
ON HIS GOLDEN WINGS, HE FLEW OFF INTO THE NIGHT SKY.
THE IMAGE COMES BACK TO ME OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
...HOW MUCH I WANTED TO...
...TALK TO HIM. BE WITH HIM.
ONLY NOW I REALIZE..
HE KNEW IT BACK THEN...
DURING THE FIRST TIME HE LEFT SEEU-SAN.

BUT IT FEELS AS THOUGH WE HAD TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO SO MANY PEOPLE.
HEY...
HOW OLD IS HE AGAIN?
HUH?
OH!
HE'S ALREADY THREE
HE LOOKS A LOT LIKE HIM.
YUP!
HE SURE DOES, DOESN'T HE?
HIS HAIR'S COMP-LETELY RED.
HOW ABOUT YOU COME OVER FOR DINNER OR SOMETHING?
ONLY IF HE'S NOT THERE.
I GUESS... I'D HAVE TO SAY I HATE HIM.
は！
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D BE MOVING CLOSER TO TOWN?
BUT... I CAN'T STAND SEEING THE FATHER
THE KIDS I CAN HANDLE
YOU CAN SEE HIM IF YOU COME OVER.
Heh heh!
BUT HE HAS MY EYES.


HIS SCARS...
...AND HIS FACE...

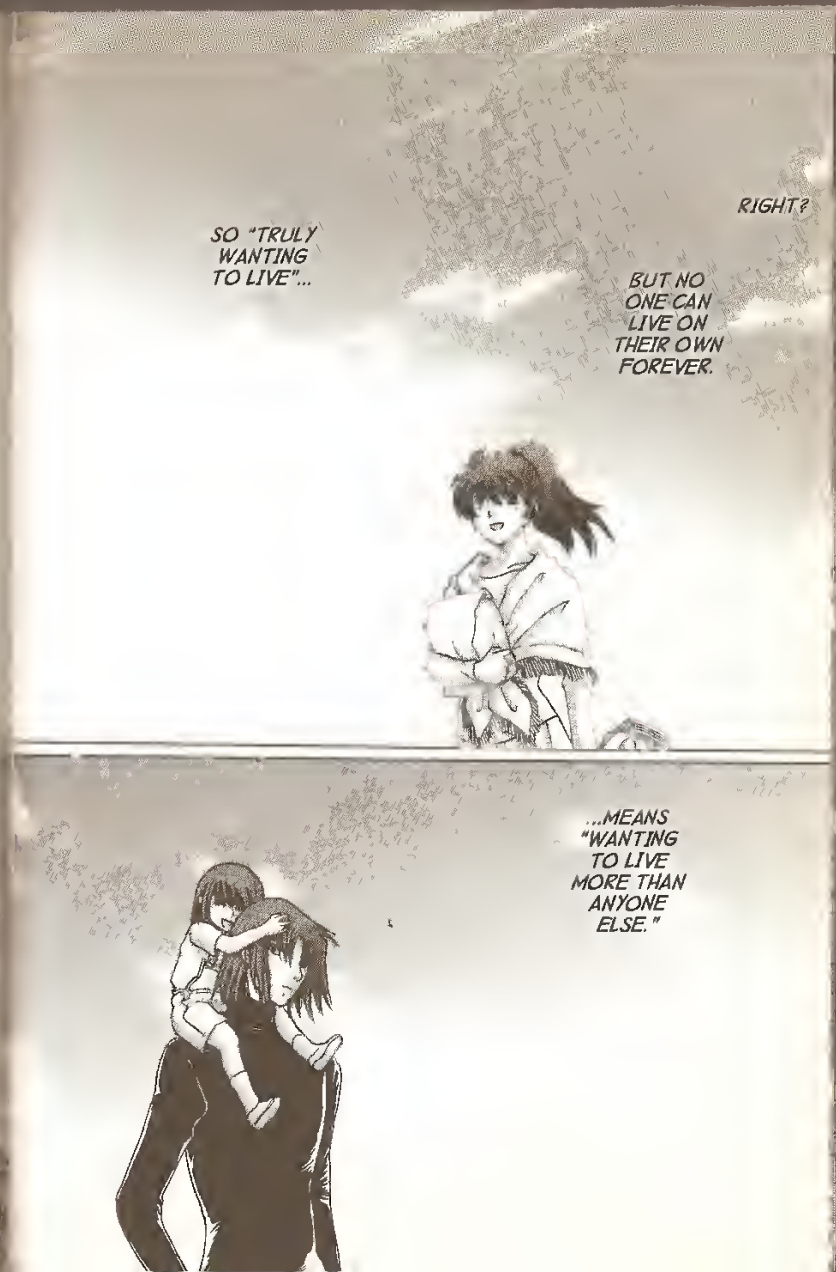

A LIVING WEAPON REALLY DOES...
...CHOOSE SOMEONE WHO TRULY WANTS TO LIVE.

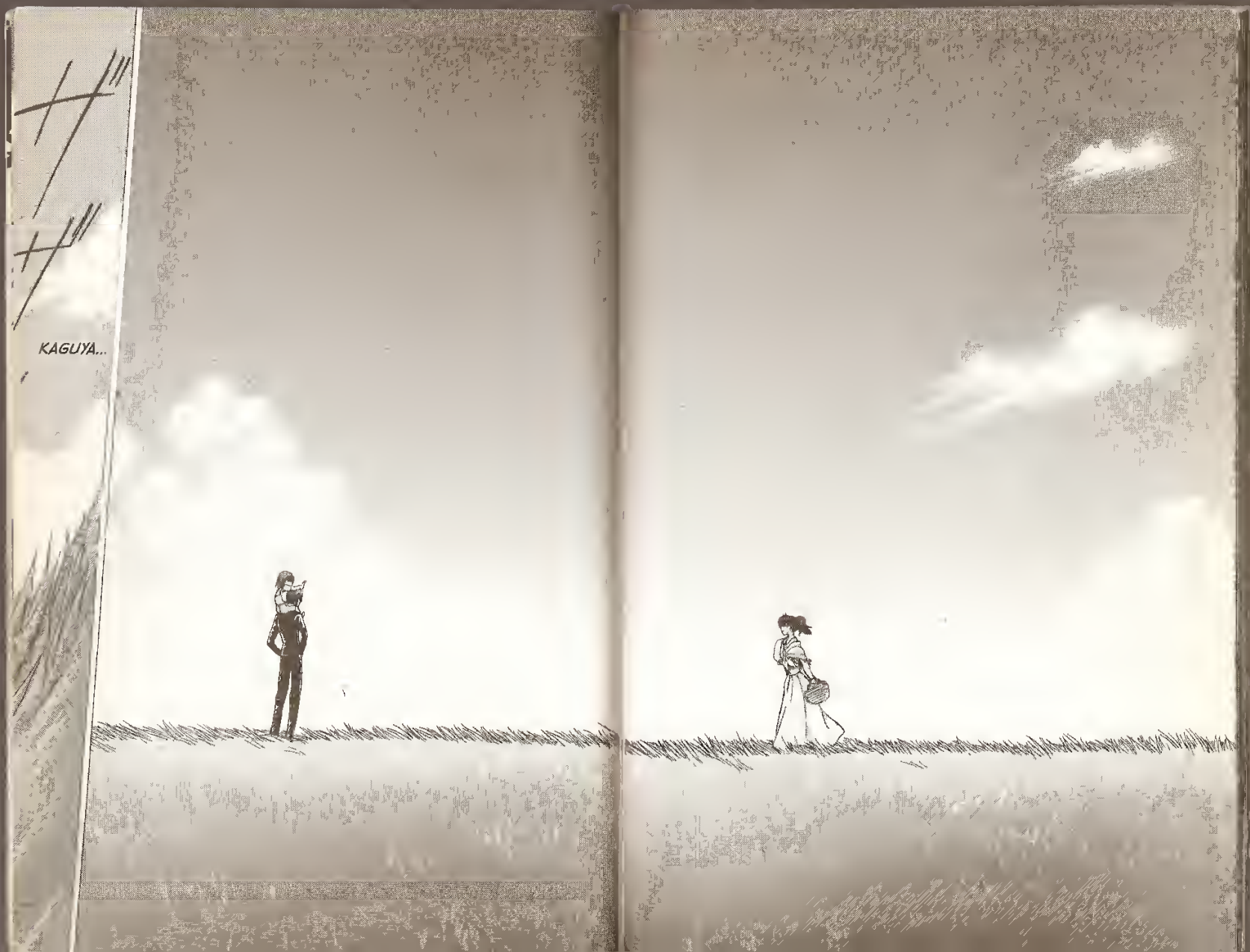
I JUST WANT TO...
...BE HAPPY BEING ALIVE.
YOU SHOULD HAVE MORE FRIENDS...
...AND ENJOY LIFE.

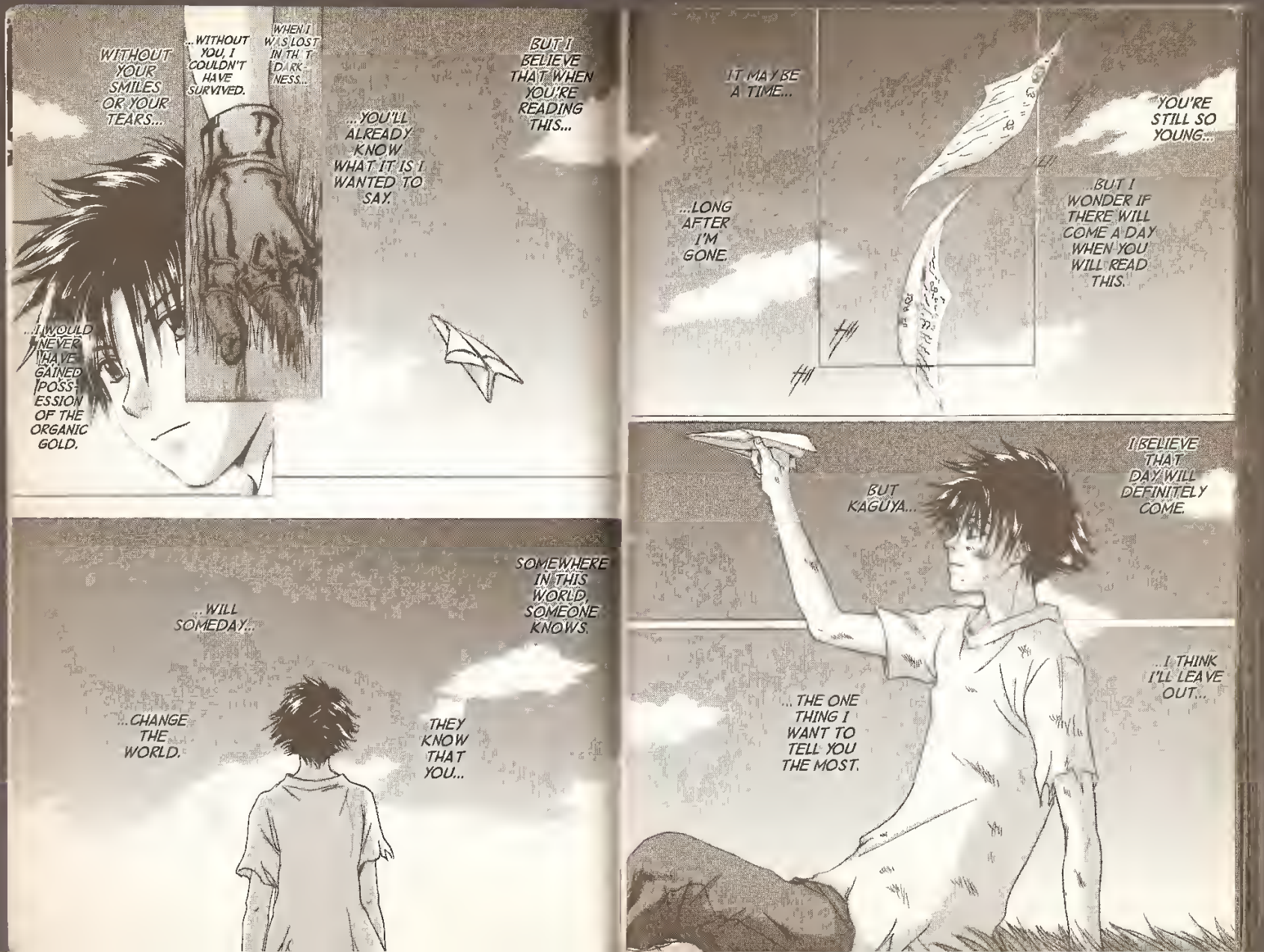

EVEN IF NO ELSE DOES.
I STILL DO.
I KNOW.

A GREAT HERO FEARED BY ALL.
SAVED MANY AND SACRIFICED MANY.
I'VE DONE MANY THINGS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED CRIMES.

...ON THIS WORLD THAT MIGHT END AT ANY MOMENT.
AND SO I KEEP WALKING ON THIS GROUND...


SO "TRULY WANTING TO LIVE"...
BUT NO ONE CAN LIVE ON THEIR OWN FOREVER.
RIGHT?
...MEANS "WANTING TO LIVE MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE."


KAGUYA...


WITHOUT YOUR SMILES OR YOUR TEARS...
...WITHOUT YOU, I COULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED.
WHEN I WAS LOST IN THE DARKNESS...
BUT I BELIEVE THAT WHEN YOU'RE READING THIS...
...YOU'LL ALREADY KNOW WHAT IT IS I WANTED TO SAY.
...I WOULD NEVER HAVE GAINED POSSESSION OF THE ORGANIC GOLD.
IT MAY BE A TIME...
...LONG AFTER I'M GONE.
"YOU'RE STILL SO YOUNG..."
...BUT I WONDER IF THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN YOU WILL READ THIS.
BUT KAGUYA...
I BELIEVE THAT DAY WILL DEFINITELY COME.
...I THINK I'LL LEAVE OUT...
...THE ONE THING I WANT TO TELL YOU THE MOST.
SOMEWHERE IN THIS WORLD, SOMEONE KNOWS.
...WILL SOMEDAY...
...CHANGE THE WORLD.
THEY KNOW THAT YOU...

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